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AT a Session of the Congress of the United States, begun and held at the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, on Monday the sixth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; pursuant to the act “for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of government of the United States;” being the third session of the first Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States:

On which day, being the day appointed by adjournment of the two Houses for the meeting of the present session, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared and took their seats, to wit:

From *New-Hampshire*, { Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman, and
Samuel Livermore.

From *Massachusetts*, { Fisher Ames,
Benjamin Goodhue, and
George Thatcher.

From *Connecticut*, { Benjamin Huntington,
Roger Sherman, and
Jonathan Sturges.

From *New-York*, { Egbert Benson,
William Floyd,
John Lawrance, and
Peter Silvester.

From *New-Jersey*, { Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader, and
James Schureman.

From *Pennsylvania*, { George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons
Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg,
Peter Muhlenberg, and
Henry Wynkoop.

From *Maryland*, { Joshua Seney.

From *Virginia*, { John Brown,
 { Samuel Griffin, and
 { James Madifon, junior.

From *North-Carolina*, { Timothy Bloodworth, and
 { Hugh Williamfon.

From *South-Carolina*, { William Smith.

From *Georgia*, { Abraham Baldwin.

But a quorum of the whole number not being present, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, *December 7, 1790.*

The House met according to adjournment.

Several other members, to wit, from Pennsylvania, Daniel Heister, and Thomas Scott; from Virginia, Richard Bland Lee; and from South-Carolina, Daniel Huger, appeared and took their seats:

And a quorum of the whole number being present,

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to inform this House, that a quorum of the Senate is now assembled in the senate-chamber, and ready to proceed to business. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that a quorum of the House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

Another member, to wit, William B. Giles, from Virginia, returned to serve in the room of Theodorick Bland, deceased, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Lawrance, and Mr. Smith, of South-Carolina, be a committee, jointly with such committee as the Senate shall appoint, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have agreed to a resolution, that Mr. Langdon and Mr. Morris be a committee on the part of the Senate, with such committee as this House shall appoint, to inform the President of the United States that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and will be ready in the senate-chamber, at such time as the President shall appoint, to receive any communications he may be pleased to make; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution; and the same being read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have appointed a committee, jointly with the committee appointed by this House, to wait on the President of the United States, to inform him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled. And then he withdrew.

The several petitions of John Lewis, Francis Ackling, and Alexander Fowler, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying the liquidation and settlement of claims against the United States. Also,

A petition of Jacob Bell, praying that the amount of certain duties to the payment of which he has been subjected by a mistake of the collector of the port of New-York, may be refunded to him.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses had assembled, reported, that the committee had, according to order, performed that service; and that the President was pleased to say, that he would attend, to make a communication to both Houses of Congress, to-morrow at twelve o'clock, in the senate-chamber.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 8.

Several other members, to wit, from Massachusetts, Elbridge Gerry, and Jonathan Grout; from Virginia, Andrew Moore, and Alexander White; and from South-Carolina, Thomas Tudor Tucker, appeared and took their seats.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate are now ready in the senate-chamber, to attend this House in receiving the communication from the President of the United States, agreeably to his notification to both Houses yesterday. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the members of this House, then withdrew to the senate-chamber, for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a copy of the speech delivered by the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress in the senate-chamber, as followeth:

Fellow-Citizens of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

IN meeting you again I feel much satisfaction in being able to repeat my congratulations on the favorable prospects which continue to distinguish our public affairs. The abundant fruits of another year have blessed our country with plenty, and with the means of a flourishing commerce. The progress of public credit is witnessed by a considerable rise of American stock abroad as well as at home. And the revenues allotted for this and other national purposes, have been productive beyond the calculations by which they were regulated. This latter circumstance is the more pleasing, as it is not only a proof of the fertility of our resources, but as it assures us of a further increase of the national respectability and credit; and let me add, as it bears an honorable testimony to the patriotism and integrity of the mercantile and marine part of our citizens—The punctuality of the former in discharging their engagements has been exemplary.

In conformity to the powers vested in me by acts of the last session, a loan of three millions of florins, towards which some provisional measures had previously taken place, has been completed in Holland. As well the celerity with which it has been filled, as the nature of the terms (considering the more than ordinary demand for borrowing created by the situation of Europe) give a reasonable hope that the further execution of those powers may proceed with advantage and success. The Secretary of the Treasury has my direction to communicate such further particulars as may be requisite for more precise information.

Since your last session, I have received communications, by which it appears, that the district of Kentucky, at present a part of Virginia, has concurred in certain propositions contained in a law of that state; in consequence of which the district is to become a distinct member of the Union, in case the requisite sanction of Congress be added. For this sanction application is now made.

I shall cause the papers on this very important transaction to be laid before you. The liberality and harmony with which it has been conducted, will be found to do great honor to both the parties. And the sentiments of warm attachment to the Union, and its present government, expressed by our fellow-citizens of Kentucky, cannot fail to add an affectionate concern for their particular welfare, to the great national impressions under which you will decide on the case submitted to you.

It has been heretofore known to Congress, that frequent incursions have been made on our frontier settlements by certain banditti of Indians from the north-west side of the Ohio. These, with some of the tribes dwelling on and near the Wabash, have of late been particularly active in their depredations; and being emboldened by the impunity of their crimes, and aided by such parts of the neighbouring tribes as could be seduced to join in their hostilities, or afford them a retreat for their prisoners and plunder, they have, instead of listening to the humane invitations and overtures made on the part of the United States, renewed their violences with fresh alacrity and greater effect. The lives of a number of valuable citizens have thus been sacrificed, and some of them under circumstances peculiarly shocking; whilst others have been carried into a deplorable captivity.

These aggravated provocations rendered it essential to the safety of the western settlements, that the aggressors should be made sensible that the government of the Union is not less capable of punishing their crimes, than it is disposed to respect their rights and reward their attachments. As this object could not be effected by defensive measures, it became necessary to put in force the act which empowers the President to call out the militia for the protection of the frontiers. And I have accordingly authorized an expedition, in which the regular troops in that quarter are combined with such draughts of militia as were deemed sufficient. The event of the measure is yet unknown to me. The Secretary of War is directed to lay before you a statement of the information on which it is founded, as well as an estimate of the expense with which it will be attended.

The disturbed situation of Europe, and particularly the critical posture of the great maritime powers, whilst it ought to make us the more thankful for the general peace and security enjoyed by the United States, reminds us at the same time, of the circumspection with which it becomes us to preserve these blessings. It requires also that we should not overlook the tendency of a war, and even of preparations for a war, among the nations most concerned in active commerce with this country, to abridge the means, and thereby at least enhance the price of transporting its valuable productions to their proper markets. I recommend it to your serious reflections, how far, and in what mode, it may be expedient to guard against embarrassments from these contingencies, by such encouragements to our own navigation as will render our commerce and agriculture less dependent on foreign bottoms, which may fail us in the very moment most interesting to both of these great objects. Our fisheries, and the transportation of our own produce, offer us abundant means for guarding ourselves against this evil.

Your attention seems to be not less due to that particular branch of our trade which belongs to the Mediterranean. So many circumstances unite in ren-

dering the present state of it distressful to us, that you will not think any deliberations misemployed which may lead to its relief and protection.

The laws you have already passed for the establishment of a judiciary system, have opened the doors of justice to all descriptions of persons. You will consider in your wisdom, whether improvements in that system may yet be made; and particularly, whether an uniform process of execution on sentences issuing from the federal courts, be not desirable through all the states.

The patronage of our commerce, of our merchants and seamen, has called for the appointment of consuls in foreign countries. It seems expedient to regulate by law the exercise of that jurisdiction, and those functions which are permitted them, either by express convention, or by a friendly indulgence in the places of their residence. The consular convention too with his Most Christian Majesty, has stipulated, in certain cases, the aid of the national authority to his consuls established here. Some legislative provision is requisite to carry these stipulations into full effect.

The establishment of the militia—of a mint—of standards of weights and measures—of the post-office and post-roads—are subjects which (I presume) you will resume of course, and which are abundantly urged by their own importance.

Gentlemen of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

THE sufficiency of the revenues you have established, for the objects to which they are appropriated, leaves no doubt, but the residuary provisions will be commensurate to the other objects, for which the public faith stands now pledged. Allow me, moreover, to hope, that it will be a favorite policy with you, not merely to secure a payment of the interest of the debt funded, but as far and as fast as the growing resources of the country will permit, to exonerate it of the principal itself. The appropriations you have made of the western lands, explain your dispositions on this subject: And I am persuaded, that the sooner that valuable fund can be made to contribute, along with other means, to the actual reduction of the public debt, the more salutary will the measure be to every public interest, as well as the more satisfactory to our constituents.

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

IN pursuing the various and weighty business of the present session, I indulge the fullest persuasion, that your consultations will be equally marked with wisdom, and animated by the love of your country. In whatever belongs to my duty, you shall have all the co-operation which an undiminished zeal for its welfare can inspire.

It will be happy for us both, and our best reward, if by a successful administration of our respective trusts, we can make the established government more and more instrumental in promoting the good of our fellow citizens, and more and more the objects of their attachment and confidence.

G. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, *December 8th, 1790.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the said speech be committed to the consideration of a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress for the present session; one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Carlile, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of his accounts, as assistant adjutant-general to the late American army.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petitions of Jacob Bell, and John Lewis, which were presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Ackling, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for establishing the post-office and post-roads of the United States; and that Mr. Sherman, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Williamson, be of the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 9.

Two other members, to wit; James Jackson and George Mathews, from Georgia, appeared and took their seats.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said speech under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on a question put thereupon, agreed to by the House as followeth:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that an address ought to be presented by the House to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses, with assurances that this House will, without delay, proceed to take into their serious consideration, the various and important matters recommended to their attention.

Ordered, That Mr. Madison, Mr. Ames and Mr. Tucker, be appointed a committee to prepare an address pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate agree to the resolution of this House for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress, for the present session; and have elected the Right Reverend Bishop White, on their part. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That to-morrow be assigned as the day for the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers, such as the members respectively shall choose, to be delivered at their lodgings.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, who delivered in the copy of certain official communications from the district of Kentucky, relative to the erection of the said district into an independent state, as referred to in the President's speech to both Houses of Congress. And then withdrew.

The said official communications were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary at War, accompanied with a statement of the information, on which the expedition against the Indians north-west of the Ohio, has been founded; and also, the instructions to the Governor of the Western Territory, and the commanding officer

of the troops relative to the same object ; together with an estimate of the expence, with which the expedition will probably be attended.

Ordered, That the said letter and enclosures do lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for registering ships or vessels, for regulating those employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for other purposes ; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue and Mr. Lee, be of the said committee.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, to amend the act, intituled, “ An act to promote the progress of useful arts ;” and that Mr. White, Mr. Seney, and Mr. Baldwin, be of the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o’clock.

FRIDAY, *December 10.*

Several other members, to wit ; from Massachusetts, George Partridge ; from Connecticut, Jonathan Trumbull and Jeremiah Wadsworth ; from New-Jersey, Thomas Sinnickson ; and from Maryland, William Smith, appeared and took their seats.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded by ballot to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House ; and upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend Mr. Blair.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for determining, agreeable to the provision in the first section of the second article of the Constitution, the time when the electors shall, in the year which will terminate on the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and so in every fourth year thereafter, be chosen, and the day on which they shall give their votes ; for declaring what officer shall, in case of vacancy both in the office of President and Vice-President, act as President ; for assigning a public office, where the lists, mentioned in the second paragraph of the first section of the second article of the Constitution, shall, in case of vacancy in the office of President of the Senate, or his absence from the seat of government, be in the mean time deposited ; and for directing the mode in which such lists shall be transmitted ; and that Mr. Benson, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Heister, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Partridge, be of the said committee.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States ; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Grout, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Smith (of Maryland) Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Giles, Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina) and Mr. Mathews, be of the said committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to bring to this House a letter from Monsieur Benier, President of the Commonalty of Paris, addressed to the President and Members of Congress of the United States, with twenty-six copies of a civic eulogium on Benjamin Franklin, pronounced the twenty-first of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, in the name of the Commonalty of Paris, by Monsieur the Abbe Fauchet, which were brought to the Senate by Mr. Lear, the Secretary of the President of the United States. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, an address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o’clock.

SATURDAY, *December 11.*

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia, stating that they had fitted up, and made an appropriation of, their county court-house, for the accommodation of Congress; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said address under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Resolved unanimously, That this House doth agree to the said address in the words following.

S I R,

THE Representatives of the people of the United States have taken into consideration your address to the two Houses at the opening of the present session of Congress.

We share in the satisfaction inspired by the prospects which continue to be so auspicious to our public affairs. The blessings resulting from the smiles of Heaven on our agriculture; the rise of public credit, with the further advantages promised by it, and the fertility of resources which are found so little burdensome to the community, fully authorize our mutual congratulations on the present occasion. Nor can we learn without an additional gratification, that the energy of the laws for providing adequate revenues, have been so honorably seconded by those classes of citizens whose patriotism and probity were more immediately concerned.

The success of the loan opened in Holland, under the disadvantages of the present moment, is the more important as it not only denotes the confidence already placed in the United States, but as the effect of a judicious application of that aid, will still further illustrate the solidity of the foundation on which the public credit rests.

The preparatory steps taken by the state of Virginia, in concert with the district of Kentucky, towards the erection of the latter into a distinct member of the Union, exhibit a liberality mutually honorable to the parties. We shall bestow on this important subject the favorable consideration which it merits; and with the national policy which ought to govern our decision, shall not fail to mingle the affectionate sentiments which are awakened by those expressed on behalf of our fellow-citizens of Kentucky.

Whilst we regret the necessity which has produced offensive hostilities against some of the Indian tribes north-west of the Ohio, we sympathize too much with our western brethren, not to behold with approbation the watchfulness and vigor which have been exerted by the executive authority for their protection; and which we trust will make the aggressors sensible that it is their interest to merit by a peaceable behaviour, the friendship and humanity which the United States are always ready to extend to them.

The encouragement of our own navigation has at all times appeared to us highly important. The point of view under which you have recommended it to us, is strongly enforced by the actual state of things in Europe. It will be incumbent on us to consider in what mode our commerce and agriculture can be best relieved from an injurious dependence on the navigation of other nations, which the frequency of their wars renders a too precarious resource for conveying the productions of our country to market.

The present state of our trade to the Mediterranean seems not less to demand, and will accordingly receive, the attention which you have recommended.

Having already concurred in establishing a judiciary system, which opens the doors of justice to all, without distinction of persons, it will be our disposition to incorporate every improvement which experience may suggest. And we shall consider in particular, how far the uniformity, which, in other cases, is found convenient in the administration of the general government through all the states, may be introduced into the forms and rules of executing sentences issuing from the federal courts.

The proper regulation of the jurisdiction and functions, which may be exercised by consuls of the United States in foreign countries, with the provisions stipulated to those of his Most Christian Majesty established here, are subjects of too much consequence to the public interest and honor, not to partake of our deliberations.

We shall renew our attention to the establishment of the militia, and the other subjects unfinished at the last session, and shall proceed in them with all the dispatch, which the magnitude of all, and the difficulty of some of them, will allow.

Nothing has given us more satisfaction, than to find, that the revenues, heretofore established, have proved adequate to the purposes to which they were allotted. In extending the provision to the residuary objects, it will be equally our care, to secure sufficiency and punctuality in the payments due from the treasury of the United States. We shall, also, never lose sight of the policy of diminishing the public debt, as fast as the increase of the public resources will permit; and are particularly sensible of the many considerations, which press a resort to the auxiliary resource furnished by the public lands.

In pursuing every branch of the weighty business of the present session, it will be our constant study, to direct our deliberations to the public welfare. Whatever our success may be, we can at least answer for the fervent love of our country, which ought to animate our endeavors. In your co-operation, we are sure of a resource, which fortifies our hopes, that the fruits of the established government will justify the confidence which has been placed in it, and recommend it, more and more, to the affection and attachment of our fellow citizens.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, do present the said address; and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Tucker, be a committee to wait on the President, to know when, and where, it will be convenient for him to receive the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Sherman, be added to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the act, intitled, "An act to promote the progress of useful arts."

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, to know when, and where, it will be convenient for him to receive the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, reported;

That the committee had, according to order, waited on the President, who signified to them, that it would be convenient to him to receive the said address, at two o'clock on Monday next, at his own house.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, December 13.

Several other members, to wit; from Massachusetts, George Leonard; from Delaware, John Vining; from Virginia, Josiah Parker; from North-Carolina, John Baptist Ashe; and from South-Carolina, Edanus Burke, appeared and took their seats.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report of a farther provision for the establishment of the public credit, made pursuant to an order of the House of the ninth day of August last ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on this day se'nnight.

A petition of Jesse Holt, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Thomas M'Intire, praying to be allowed the commutation of half-pay, as an officer in the army of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a petition of Joanna Gardener widow of Colonel Thomas Gardener, late of Massachusetts, deceased, praying that the provision, made by an act of the late Congress, for the relief of the widows and children of officers who have died in the service of the United States, may be extended to her and to her children.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the several petitions of Alexander Fowler, which were presented to the House on Tuesday last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, then withdrew to the house of the President of the United States, and there presented to him the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress ; to which the President made the following reply :

GENTLEMEN,

THE sentiments expressed in your address are entitled to my particular acknowledgment.

Having no object but the good of our country, this testimony of approbation and confidence from its immediate Representatives, must be among my best rewards, as the support of your enlightened patriotism has been among my greatest encouragements. Being persuaded that you will continue to be actuated by the same auspicious principle, I look forward to the happiest consequences from your deliberations during the present session.

G. WASHINGTON.

And then Mr. Speaker and the members being returned,
The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, *December 14.*

Two other members, to wit ; from New-York, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer ; and from Pennsylvania, Thomas Hartley, appeared and took their seats.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *December 14, 1790.*

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

HAVING informed Congress of the expedition which had been directed against certain Indians north-west of the Ohio, I embrace the earliest opportunity of laying before you the official communications, which have been received upon that subject.

G. WASHINGTON.

The official communications, referred to in the said message, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report, number two, of a plan for the institution of a national bank, as referred to in his letter of yesterday, which was read, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on this day se'n-night.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills directing the mode, in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed; and that Mr. Lee, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Cadwalader, be of the said committee.

A petition of Anne Roberts, widow of Owen Roberts, late a colonel of artillery in the army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the seven years half-pay of a colonel, as the widow of the said Owen Roberts, who was slain in the service of his country.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *December 15.*

A petition of Henry Emanuel Lutterloh, was presented to the House and read, praying that his claim to a compensation for certain military services, which was exhibited to and rejected at the last session of Congress, may be re-considered.

A motion was made, and the question being put that the said petition be referred to the consideration of a committee,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said petition was rejected.

The several petitions of Timothy Mix, John Linn, Reuben Gould, and Josiah Simpson, attorney in fact for Dorcas Frost and others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to receive compensation for services rendered, or for losses or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Thomas Randall, of the city of New-York, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive compensation for a sloop with her appurtenances, the property of the petitioner, which was impressed into the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Samuel Prideau, junior, of the city of Charleston, praying to receive compensation for the value of certain wharves and houses, which were taken from him, and appropriated to the use of the American army, at the siege of that place.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do agree to the following resolution, to wit:

This House being highly sensible of the polite attention of the Commons of Paris, in directing copies of an eulogium lately pronounced before them, as a tribute to the illustrious memory of Benjamin Franklin, a citizen of the United States, to be transmitted to Congress :

Resolved, That the Speaker do accordingly communicate the sense of the House thereon, to the President of the Commons of Paris.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A petition of Amos Davis, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of the fracture of his hip, by a fall from his horse, after his discharge from the army in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said petition be referred to the consideration of a committee,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said petition was rejected.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to continue an act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations ; and that Mr. Jackson, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Sturges, be of the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the state of the Union : and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that immediate provision ought to be made for defraying the expenses incurred in the expedition against the Indians north-west of the Ohio.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a bill or bills ought to be brought in for the farther encouragement of the navigation of the United States.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that so much of the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, as relates to the trade of the United States in the Mediterranean, ought to be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to report thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the first resolution be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to report an appropriation pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant to the second resolution ; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Ashe, Mr. Parker, Mr. Smith of Maryland, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Vining, Mr. Benson, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Foster, be of the said committee.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of an uniform system for the disposition of lands, the property of the United States, which was made on the twenty-second of July last, be committed to a committee of the whole House on Friday next.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of State, of a proper plan or plans for establishing uniformity in the currency, weights and measures of the United States, which was made on the thirteenth of July last, be committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, *December 16.*

A petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying that a health-office may be established, or other provision made by law, for protecting them from infectious and epidemical diseases, brought by passengers and others arriving from foreign countries. Also,

A petition of Isaac Mansfield, praying compensation for his services as a chaplain in the late army of the United States. Also,

A petition of John Churchman, praying that the application he made at the first session of Congress, for permission to undertake a voyage to Baffin's Bay at the public expense, for the purpose of making magnetical experiments to ascertain the causes of the variation of the needle, and how near the longitude can be thereby ascertained, may now be determined.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to continue an act, intituled, "An act for declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations," which was received and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, *December 17.*

Two other members, to wit; from New-York, John Hathorn; and from North-Carolina, John Sevier, appeared and took their seats.

Benjamin Bourn, a member returned to serve in this House for the state of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House, the oath to support the constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Ordered, That the petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Baltimore, which was presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Seney, Mr. Vining and Mr. Parker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Francis Taylor, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of Isaac Mansfield, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

An address and memorial of the people called Quakers, convened at their yearly meeting for Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Delaware, and the eastern part of Maryland and Virginia, lately held in Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, representing their objections to certain provisions of a bill now depending, intituled, "A bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States."

Ordered, That the said address and memorial do lie on the table.

A bill to continue an act, intituled, "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and

Providence Plantations," was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill, intituled, "An act supplementary to the act, intituled, "An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, December 20.

Another member, to wit ; Michael Jenifer Stone, from Maryland, appeared and took his seat.

An engrossed bill to continue an act, intituled, "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations," was read the third time, and the blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be "An act to continue an act, intituled, "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, "An act supplementary to the act, intituled, "An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States," was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Benson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill declaring the officer, who, in case of vacancies, both in the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, shall act as President ; also, a bill declaring the respective times when the electors to vote for a President of the United States shall be appointed or chosen, and shall give their votes ; also, a bill directing the mode in which the lists of the votes for a President shall be transmitted to the seat of the government of the United States ; which were severally received, and read the first time.

A petition from Barnabas Lucas, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Robinson, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a final settlement certificate, the property of the petitioner, which was lost or destroyed some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, declaring the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed.

A petition of John Miller Russel, was presented to the House and read, praying that the additional duty on hemp, imported from foreign countries, may be remitted to him on a quantity of hemp lately imported from Russia, and which was shipped from thence prior to the passing the act imposing the said additional duty. Also,

A petition of sundry merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia, praying that pier-heads may be erected at the town of Chester, on the river Delaware, for the greater security and accommodation of the trade thereof.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit ;

Resolved, That provision be made for erecting a beacon at the entrance of the port of George-Town, in the state of South-Carolina :

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 21.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, “ An act supplementary to the act, intituled, “ An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States,” was read the third time ; and, on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A bill declaring the officer, who, in case of vacancies both in the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, shall act as President, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

A bill declaring the respective times when the electors to vote for a President of the United States, shall be appointed or chosen, and shall give their votes, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

A bill directing the mode in which the lists of the votes for a President shall be transmitted to the seat of the government of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

A petition of the corporation of trustees of the public grammar school and academy of Wilmington, in the state of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, praying that compensation may be made for the use of, and the injuries done to, the buildings of the said academy, by the troops of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, -and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial and remonstrance of the public creditors who are citizens of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by their committee for that purpose appointed, was presented to the House and read, representing the insufficiency of the provision for the public creditors, made by an act passed at the last session of Congress, intituled, "An act making provision for the debt of the United States;" and praying that a more adequate provision may now be made.

Ordered, That the said memorial and remonstrance do lie on the table.

A petition of Robert Ford, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds and injuries received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Seney, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Baltimore, praying the establishment of a health-office, made a report, which was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

"Your committee have had under their consideration the subject matter of the said memorial, and are firmly persuaded that the same highly merits the attention of Congress : But being convinced that the regulation prayed by the memorialists, is not only essential for the port aforesaid, but for all others into which considerable imports are made, are of opinion that a law ought to be passed with general provisions in this respect."

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report ; and that Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Seney, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Vining, and Mr. Goodhue, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto, which he was ready to report whenever the House should think proper to receive the same.

Ordered, That the said report be received to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the commissioners appointed by the act passed at the last session of Congress, intituled, "An act making provision for the reduction of the public debt ;" stating the amount of the purchases which have been made of the public debt, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the said act.

Ordered, That the said letter and report do lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *December 22.*

A petition of Simon Summers, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have appointed Mr. Foster on their part, to be of the joint committee for inrolled bills. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, be of the joint committee for inrolled bills, on the part of this House ; and that the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments agreed to yesterday by the committee of the whole House, to the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States, and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, *December 23.*

Another member, to wit; Theodore Sedgwick, from Massachusetts, appeared and took his seat.

An address of the representatives of the religious society called Quakers, residing in the state of New-York, and western parts of New-England, was presented to the House and read, representing their objections to certain provisions of a bill now depending, intituled, "A bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States."

Ordered, That the said address do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petition of John Churchman, which was presented on Thursday last, be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do communicate to the Senate, that this House has received a report from the Secretary of State, respecting coins, weights and measures; and also a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, containing a plan for a national bank; and that he carry attested copies of the said reports to the Senate.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as follows:

UNITED STATES, *December 23, 1790.*

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

IT appearing, by the report of the Secretary of the government north-west of the Ohio, that there are certain cases respecting grants of land within that territory, which require the interference of the legislature of the United States. —I have directed a copy of said report and the papers therein referred to, to be laid before you; together with a copy of the report of the Secretary of State, upon the same subject.

G. WASHINGTON.

The report and papers referred to in the said message were read, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for their information.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments agreed to by the committee of the whole House, to the bill "more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States," and made a farther progress therein.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an inrolled bill, intituled, "An act supplementary to the act, intituled, "An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States," and found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, *December 24.*

The petitions of Alexander Nelson, attorney in fact for sundry persons, of James Alexander, and William Cottle, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to ascertain how far owners of ships and vessels shall be liable to the freighters of goods shipped on board thereof; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Silvester, be of the said committee.

A memorial of the people called Quakers, in their annual assembly for the Western Shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, lately convened at Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, stating their objections to certain provisions of a bill now depending, intitled, "A bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States."

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments agreed to by the committee of the whole House, to the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States; and having gone through the same, some were agreed to, others amended and agreed to, and others disagreed to.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill, as now amended, be recommitted to Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, an enrolled bill, intitled, "An act supplementary to the act, intitled, "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States."

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, *December 27.*

The several petitions of Stephen Clapp, of Samuel Buffinton, attorney to Francis Suzor Delevere, of Daniel Merrill, for himself and others, and of Joshua Orne, for himself and others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying the settlement of claims against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Isaac Osgood and Sons, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress would grant a sum of money, loan, bounty, or other encouragement, to the manufacture of malt-liquors in the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to ascertain how far the owners of ships and vessels shall be answerable to the freighters; which was received and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of a farther provision for the establishment of the public credit; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore

reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow :

Resolved, That an additional duty of eight cents per gallon, be imposed on all distilled spirits of common proof, and in the like proportion, for all other distilled spirits, which after the _____ day of _____ next, shall be imported into the United States.

Resolved, That from and after the _____ day of _____ next, a duty of eleven cents per gallon be imposed on all spirits of the first class of proof, distilled within the United States, from molasses, sugar, or other foreign materials; and also a duty in like proportion, on like spirits, of all other classes of proof.

Resolved, That from and after the _____ day of _____ next, a duty of nine cents per gallon, be imposed on all spirits, of the first class of proof, distilled within any city, town or village, from materials of the growth or production of the United States; and also a duty in like proportion, on like spirits of all other classes of proof.

Resolved, That upon each still employed in distilling spirits from materials of the growth or production of the United States, in any other place than a city, town or village, there be imposed a yearly tax or duty of sixty cents for every gallon, English wine measure, of the capacity of such still, including its head, in lieu of all other rates.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Wynkoop, and Mr. Smith of Maryland, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House be discharged from farther proceeding on the said report.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to alter the mode of collecting the duties on wines and teas, and to grant a longer time for the payment of such duties thereon; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Wynkoop, and Mr. Smith of Maryland, be of the said committee.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and made some progress therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Senate to inform this House, that the President of the United States has this day approved and signed “An act supplementary to the act, intituled, “An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States.” And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to enable the collector of the district of Pennsylvania to permit the landing of goods at other places within his district than the port of Philadelphia, when the navigation of the river Delaware shall be obstructed by ice; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. White, and Mr. Bourn, be of the said committee.

The several orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, *December 28.*

A bill to ascertain how far the owners of ships and vessels shall be answerable to the freighters, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Friday next.

A memorial and remonstrance of the public creditors, who are citizens of the county of Burlington, in the state of New-Jersey, and of the city of Trenton and its vicinity, in the same state, were presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the provision for the public creditors made by an act of the last session, intituled, "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," and praying that a more adequate provision may now be made.

Ordered, That the said memorial and remonstrance do lie on the table.

Mr. Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed; which was received and read the first time.

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Robinson, be discharged therefrom; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

A petition of John Philip De Haas, was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the delivery of goods, wares and merchandize in the state of Pennsylvania, in cases of obstruction of the river Delaware by ice; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House then, according to the standing order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *December 29.*

Another member, to wit; Daniel Carroll, from Maryland, appeared and took his seat.

A bill directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A petition of Shubael Swain, was presented to the House and read, praying the remission of a penalty which he has incurred for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Sinnickson; with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, pursuant to the prayer thereof.

A petition of Philip Buck, was presented to the House and read, praying relief for an injury sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war; and also that compensation may be made him for a schooner impressed into the transport service, and lost during the same period. Also,

A petition of Anna Wilhelmina Longcammer, praying relief as the widow of a soldier who was slain in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Winthrop Sargent, Secretary of the Western Territory, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the provision made by law for the support of his office; and praying that the same may be made adequate to his services and expenses.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to provide for the delivery of goods, wares and merchandize, in the state of Pennsylvania, in cases of obstruction of the river Delaware by ice; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded, that it be an instruction to the committee to whom was re-committed the bill, "more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States," that they do insert the following clause; to wit, "Be it enacted, That the militia of the several states of the Union, consisting of such persons as are or may be enrolled by them, respectively, shall be organized, armed, and disciplined, in manner following ;"

It passed in the negative— { AYES 8.
 { NOES 43.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Timothy Bloodworth,
William Floyd,
Jonathan Grout,

Samuel Livermore,
George Thatcher,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
William B. Giles,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,

George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, *December 30.*

An engrossed bill to provide for the delivery of goods, wares, and merchandise in the state of Pennsylvania, in cases of obstruction of the river Delaware by ice, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the unloading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by ice."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *December 30th, 1790.*

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

I LAY before you a report of the Secretary of State on the subject of the citizens of the United States in captivity at Algiers, that you may provide, on their behalf, what to you shall seem most expedient.

G. WASHINGTON.

The report referred to in the said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill repealing after the last day of _____ next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead, and also upon spirits distilled within the United States; as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare, which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury do report to this House the amount of the exports from the several districts within the United States, respectively; also of duties arising on imports and tonnage from the first of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; and, as soon as may be, from thence to the end of the present year.

A memorial of the college of physicians of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House, and read, praying that Congress will impose such heavy duties upon all distilled spirits imported into the United States, as will effectually prevent the intemperate use thereof.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of Simeon Thayre, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying his report upon so much of the speech of the President of the United States, as relates to the trade of the United States in the Mediterranean, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, *December 31.*

Another member, to wit ; John Steele, from North-Carolina, appeared and took his seat in the House.

The several petitions of Nathaniel Porter, Lewis Pahl, John Hodge, William Paine, and Henry Laurens (of South Carolina), were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, supplies furnished, or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John S. Hunn, attorney to the executrix of John H. W. D. Smith, late of Charleston, South-Carolina, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States.

Also a petition of William Paine, praying the renewal of a certificate heretofore granted him for sundry articles furnished a deputy quarter-master, for the use of the United States, during the late war, which certificate has been defaced and destroyed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Seth Harding, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered in the navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Schureman ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Henry Laurens, of the state of South-Carolina, as guardian to and in behalf of his grand-daughter Frances Eleanor Laurens, the orphan daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel John Laurens ; was presented to the House and read, praying that interest may be granted on an allowance made by a resolution of the late Congress, for the services and expenses of the said John Laurens, on an embassy to France.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), Mr. Gerry, and Mr. Carroll ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Attorney-General, accompanying his report, on such matters relative to the administration of justice under the authority of the United States, as may require to be remedied ; and also such provisions in the respective cases as he deems advisable ; made pursuant to an order of this House of the fifth of August last ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday se'nnight.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Shubael Swain, which was received, and read the first time.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and agreed to several resolutions thereupon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, *January 3, 1791.*

A bill for the relief of Shubael Swain, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The petitions of Joseph Hugg, and William Reynolds, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying relief in consideration of wounds and injuries received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, as follows :

UNITED STATES, *January 3d, 1791.*

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

I LAY before you a copy of an exemplified copy of an act passed by the legislature of the state of New-Jersey, for vesting in the United States of America the jurisdiction of a lot of land at Sandy-Hook, in the county of Monmouth; and a copy of the letter which accompanied said act, from the Governor of the state of New-Jersey, to the President of the United States.

G. WASHINGTON.

The papers referred to in the said message, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions agreed to on Friday last, by the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union, and made some progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, *January 4.*

An engrossed bill for the relief of Shubael Swain, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Shubael Swain."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry freeholders of the counties of Albany and Washington, in the state of New-York, was presented to the House and read, representing that the pension granted by an act of the last session to John Younglove, as a disabled major in colonel Van Voert's regiment of New-York militia, during the late war, was obtained by misrepresentation, and praying that the said act, so far as respects the said John Younglove, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Sturges, Mr. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. Thatcher; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resumed the consideration of the resolutions agreed to on Friday last by the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union, and the said resolutions, being severally read at the Clerk's table, were amended and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is expedient that a general land-office be established and opened at the seat of the government of the United States.

That two subordinate land-offices be established and opened; one in the government north-west of the Ohio, and the other in the government south of the Ohio.

That all contracts for the sale of land above the quantity of acres, shall be exclusively made at the general land office.

That no land shall be sold, except such in respect to which the titles of the Indian tribes shall have been previously extinguished.

That the seven ranges already surveyed, be sold in lots as laid out.

That any quantities may be sold by special contract comprehended either within natural boundaries or lines, or both, but no survey shall in any case be made on a river, but in the proportion of chains back from such river for every chain along the bank thereof.

That the price shall be thirty cents per acre.

That warrants for military services be put on the same footing with warrants issuing from the land office, and that the exclusive right of locating the same in districts set apart for the army, cease after the day of

That no credit shall be given for any quantity less than a township of six miles square, nor more than two years credit for any quantity.

That in every instance of credit, at least one quarter part of the consideration shall be paid down, and security, other than the land itself, shall be required for the residue.—And that no title shall be given for any tract or part of a purchase, beyond the quantity for which the consideration shall be actually paid.

That the of each subordinate office, shall have the management of all sales, and the issuing of warrants for all locations in the tracts to be set apart for the accommodation of individual settlers, subject to the superintendency of the of the general land office, who may also commit to them the management of any other sales or locations, which it may be found expedient to place under their direction.

That preference be given for a limited time to those actual settlers, whose titles are not secured by the former governments of that country, and the existing ordinances and acts of Congress.

That there shall be a surveyor-general, who shall have power to appoint a deputy surveyor-general in each of the western governments, and a competent number of deputy surveyors, to execute in person all warrants to them directed by the surveyor-general, or the deputy surveyor-generals, within certain districts to be assigned to them respectively. That the surveyor-general shall also have in charge all the duties committed to the geographer-general by the several resolutions of Congress.

That all warrants issued at the general land-office, shall be signed by and shall be directed to the surveyor-general. That all warrants issued at a subordinate office, shall be signed by and shall be directed to the deputy surveyor-general within the government. That the priority of locations upon warrants shall be determined by the times of the applications to the deputy surveyors: and in case of two applications for the same land at one time, the priority may be determined by lot.

That the treasurer of the United States shall be the receiver of all payments for sales made at the general land-office, and may also receive deposits of money for purchases intended to be made at the subordinate offices; his receipt or certificate for which shall be received in payments at those offices.

That the secretary of each of the western governments shall be the receiver of all payments arising from sales at the office of such government.

That controversies concerning rights to patents or grants of land, shall be determined by the _____ of that office, under whose immediate direction or jurisdiction the locations, in respect to which they may arise, shall have been made.

That the _____ of the general land-office, surveyor-general, deputy surveyor-general, and the _____ of the land-office in each of the western governments, shall not purchase, nor shall others purchase for them in trust, any public lands.

That the secretaries of the western governments, shall give security for the faithful execution of their duty as receivers of the land-office.

That all patents shall be signed by the President of the United States, and shall be recorded in the office of the Secretary of State.

That all officers, acting under the laws establishing the land-office, shall make oath or affirmation, faithfully to discharge their respective duties, previously to their entering upon the execution thereof.

That all surveys of land shall be at the expense of the purchasers or grantees.

That the fees shall not exceed certain rates to be specified in the law, affording equitable compensations for the services of surveyors, and establishing reasonable and customary charges for patents and other office papers, for the benefit of the United States.

That the _____ of the general land-office, shall, as soon as may be, from time to time, cause all the rules and regulations which they may establish to be published in one gazette at least, in each state, and in each of the western governments where there is a gazette, for the information of the citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. White, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Bloodworth, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several petitions of Andrew Colton and Lydia his wife, Joseph Anderson, and Ebenezer A. Smith, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, supplies furnished, or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States, presented an amendatory bill, which was received and read the first time.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying a statement of accounts for the receipts and expenditures of the public monies, from the first of July to the thirtieth of September last inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *January 5.*

An amendatory bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States, was read the second

time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on this day fe'ennight.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, “An act to provide for the unloading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by the ice.” And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, “repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare ;” and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

A petition of Patrick Colvin, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for losses and injuries in his property sustained by the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Several petitions of the Baptist Associations of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode-Island and Vermont, were presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt measures to prevent the publication of any inaccurate editions of the holy bible.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, *January 6.*

A petition of Jacob Philips, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of certain advances of money, which he made for supplies furnished for the use of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Cook, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of certain loan-office certificates issued by the loan-officer of Pennsylvania, which being the property of the petitioner, have been lost or stolen from his possession.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The several petitions of John Post, John M. Charlesworth, Nathan Davis, and Donald M'Donald, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, supplies furnished, or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Madison, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Churchman, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, “An act to continue the act, intituled, “An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts

of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations ;” with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill repealing after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead, and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing an abstract-return of the amount of tonnage in the United States, and of the duties arising thereon, between the first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and the thirtieth day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating such farther appropriations of money, as will be necessary for the support of civil government for the current year ; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, intituled, “ An act to provide for the unlading of ships or vessels in cases of obstruction by ice,” and found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to inform this House, that the Senate have rejected the bill sent for their concurrence, intituled, “ An act for the relief of Shubael Swain.” And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o’clock.

FRIDAY, *January 7.*

A petition of Simeon Noes, was presented to the House and read, praying relief as a disabled foldier in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Simmons, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of his salary, as principal clerk in the office of the Auditor of the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled, “ An act to continue an act, intituled, “ An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations :” Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for establishing the post-office and post-roads of the United States; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday se'nnight.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the unlading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by ice."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering abstract returns of the amount of duties on imports into the United States; one exhibiting the sum received from the commencement of the operation of the impost act, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine; and the other shewing, as far as the returns have been transmitted, the sum received for one year following that day; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, intituled, "An act to provide for the unlading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by ice."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, January 10.

The petitions of Lawrance Allman, and Anthony Musgenug, attorney for Nicholas Haugendobler, were presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill directing in what manner the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill as amended, be recommitted to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Sturges.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill declaring the officer who, in case of vacan-

cies both in the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, shall act as President ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an inrolled bill, intituled, "An act to continue an act, intituled, "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations," so far as the same respects the states of Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations," and had found the same to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to prevent invalids who are pensioners of the United States, from selling or transferring their respective pensions before the same shall become due ; and that Mr. Williamson, Mr. Bourn, and Mr. Griffin, be of the said committee.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled, "An act to continue an act, intituled, "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations," so far as the same respects the states of Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations."

A petition of the inspectors for the port of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the allowances granted by law for their services.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, intituled, "An act to continue an act, intituled, "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations," so far as the same respects the states of Georgia, and Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 11.

A petition of John Haverd and others, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for losses and injuries sustained by the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The petitions of fundry merchants and others of the towns of Fayetteville and Wilmington, in the state of North-Carolina, were presented to the House and read, praying that the district and circuit courts of the said state may be held alternately at the said town of Fayetteville, and at Newbern.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Moore ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill, intituled, “An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory north-west of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o’clock.

WEDNESDAY, *January 12.*

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, “An Act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country in the territory north west of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions,” was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

The several petitions of Caleb Chadwick, Abner Pier, Jabez Bill, Job Priest, Nathaniel Alexander, Wardwell Green, James Easton, John Chadwick, and Patrick M’Laughlen, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, supplies furnished, or injuries sustained in the service of the United States during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Joshua Barney, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed certain expenses, and also the commutation of half-pay, for services as a captain in the navy of the United States during the late war. Also,

A memorial of sundry officers in the late navy of the state of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Smith (of Maryland), Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Cadwalader; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of the tradesmen employed in the various arts of constructing, repairing, fitting, equipping and furnishing ships and vessels, in and near the port of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that an act of Congress may pass, creating a lien upon the body, tackle, apparel and furniture of all ships and vessels while they remain in port, for all repairs and materials furnished by the respective tradesmen employed therein, and giving them a remedy for the same, by admiralty-process in the circuit and district courts of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A memorial and remonstrance of the public creditors of the county of Gloucester, in the state of New-Jersey, was presented to the House and read, representing the insufficiency of the provision for the public creditors, made by an act passed at the last session of Congress, intituled, "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," and praying that a more adequate provision may now be made.

Ordered, That the said memorial and remonstrance do lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded,

Ordered, That so much of the standing rules and orders of this House, as directs that, "No bill amended by the Senate shall be committed," be rescinded.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill, intituled, "An act declaring the consent of Congress, that a new state be formed within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into this Union by the name of the state of Kentucky," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 13.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, "An act declaring the consent of Congress, that a new state be formed within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into this Union, by the name of the state of Kentucky, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill declaring what officer shall, in case of vacancies both in the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States,

act as President; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill declaring the respective times when the electors to vote for a President of the United States shall be appointed or chosen, and shall give their votes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

On a motion made and seconded, "That a committee be appointed to consider and report, whether any and what farther compensation is necessary to be made to the commissioners of loans, to defray the extraordinary expense occasioned to them, in the first instance, in the execution of the act making farther provision for the debt of the United States."

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House,

Ordered, That Mr. Bourn, be added to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills concerning the trade and navigation of the United States.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, *January 14.*

A petition of Joseph Wheaton, late an officer in the continental army, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of a judgment obtained against him in the state of Rhode-Island for a quantity of forage impressed for the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Andrew Brown, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt some mode of authenticating a new edition of the laws of the United States, which he is now about to publish.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. White, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territories of the United States, which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

A petition of Thomas Boyd, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry officers of the navy of the state of Pennsylvania, made a report, which was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"That it will not be advisable to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and therefore, that they have leave to withdraw their petition."

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to authorize the President of the United States, to cause the debt due to foreign officers, the interest whereof is now payable in Paris, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, to be paid and discharged; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Benfon, and Mr. Sevier, be of the said committee.

A member from Virginia presented to the House a memorial from the General Assembly of that State, stating certain objections to the act passed at the last session of Congress, intituled, "An act making provision for the debts of the United States;" which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill declaring the respective times when the electors to vote for a President of the United States shall be appointed or chosen, and shall give their votes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, January 17.

Ordered, That the petition of Andrew Brown, which was presented on Friday last, be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Another member, to wit; George Gale, from Maryland, appeared and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of George Glentworth, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered, as senior physician and surgeon-general of the general hospital of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Ebenezer Nash, praying relief in consideration of wounds received, whilst a foldier in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Daniel Ellis and John How, executors of Samuel How, late of the city of Burlington, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive payment for a quantity of pork, which was impressed from the said Samuel How, for the use of the army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Israel Jones, in behalf of Joshua Ashbridge, praying compensation for sundry articles impressed from the said Joshua Ashbridge for the use of the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Donald Campbell, was presented to the House and read, praying a liquidation and payment of certain claims against the United States.

And on the question, that the said petition be referred to the consideration of a committee,

It passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the said petition be rejected.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *January 17th, 1791.*

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

I LAY before you an official statement of the appropriation of ten thousand dollars, granted to defray the contingent expenses of government by an act of the twenty-sixth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

A copy of two resolutions of the legislature of Virginia, and of a petition of fundry officers, and assignees of officers and soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment, on the subject of bounty-lands allotted to them on the north-west side of the Ohio; and a copy of an act of the legislature of Maryland, to empower the wardens of the port of Baltimore to levy and collect the duty therein mentioned.

G. WASHINGTON.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments agreed to by the committee of the whole House on Thursday last, to the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare: And the said amendments being twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, further to amend the said bill, by striking out the thirteenth section thereof, in the words following, to wit :

“ And be it further enacted, That upon all spirits which, after the said last day of next, shall be distilled within the United States, from any article of the growth or production of the United States, in any city, town or village, there shall be paid for their use the duties following; that is to say,

“ For every gallon of those spirits more than ten per cent. below proof, according to Dicas's hydrometer, nine cents.

“ For every gallon of those spirits under five and not more than ten per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, ten cents.

“ For every gallon of those spirits of proof, and not more than five per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, eleven cents.

“ For every gallon of those spirits above proof, but not exceeding twenty per cent. according to the same hydrometer, thirteen cents.

“ For every gallon of those spirits more than twenty and not more than forty per cent. above proof, according to the same hydrometer, seventeen cents.

“ For every gallon of those spirits more than forty per cent above proof, according to the same hydrometer, twenty-five cents.”

It passed in the negative— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{AYES } 16. \\ \text{NOES } 36. \end{array} \right.$

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,*

*Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
John Sevier,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Hugh Williamson.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
William B. Giles,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,*

*James Madison, junior,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

The House proceeded further to consider the said bill ; and an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, *January 18.*

The several papers referred to in the President's message of yesterday, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, for declaring the assent of Congress to a certain act of the state of Maryland ; and that Mr. Seney, Mr. Smith (of Maryland), and Mr. Mathews, be of the said committee.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, covering a postscript to his former report on the subject of the coins, weights and measures of the United States ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House, his opinion whether any, and what further compensation ought to be made to the respective officers employed in the collection of the revenue.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the state of Connecticut, was presented to the House and read, praying that foreign vessels may not be allowed to participate in the coasting trade, or to go to other ports than those specially permitted by law, except in cases of distress.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for registering ships or vessels, for regulating those employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for other purposes ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Margaret Fisher, Administratrix of Henry Fisher, late of Suffolk county in the state of Delaware, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that a claim against the United States, for sundry expenditures and services of the deceased, during the late war, may be liquidated and allowed.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of the inspectors of the port of Philadelphia, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several petitions of Samuel Kearsley, John Cardiff, and Michael Gabriel Houdin, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered in the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Charles Collins, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered in the navy of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Seney, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill, declaring the assent of Congress to a certain act of the state of Maryland; which was received and read the first time.

The House resumed the further consideration of the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and after some debate thereon, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *January 19.*

A bill to declare the assent of Congress to a certain act of the state of Maryland, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A petition of the Baptist Stonington Association, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt measures to prevent the publication of any inaccurate editions of the holy bible.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of James Latham, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners in consideration of the loss of his left arm in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of William Dewees, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for losses and injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Richard Blackledge, praying compensation for a quantity of coffee and sugar supplied to the troops of the late North-Carolina line and militia in continental service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of sundry surgeons and mates in the medical department of the late army, was presented to the House and read, praying a farther compensation for their services, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Richard Blackledge, praying compensation for a quantity of leather furnished for the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Barney, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and after farther debate thereon, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, *January 20.*

A memorial of the merchants of Philadelphia, trading to India and China, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be laid upon goods imported from thence in foreign bottoms; and also on articles the growth and produce of India or China, which are imported from Europe either in American or foreign bottoms. Also,

A petition of Robert Neil, praying relief against the determination of the Auditor and Comptroller of the Treasury on a claim which he has exhibited against the United States. Also,

A petition of Comfort Sands and others, praying that the proceedings of the former Congress upon a claim of the petitioners against the United States, may now be confirmed, and payment of the said claim granted to them.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to join a committee of the Senate, to consider and report what time will be proper for the commencement of the next Congress; to the end that timely notice may be given to the members who are to serve for the ensuing two years:

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Tucker, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Partridge.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public

credit, and for the common defence and general welfare ; and having made some additional amendments thereto, an adjournment was called for : Whereupon, The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, *January 21.*

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, " An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

A petition of William C. Webb and Conyers White, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a number of beef-cattle, which were supplied to a commissary of the southern army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to prevent invalids who are pensioners of the United States, from selling or transferring their respective pensions before the same shall become due ; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills making provision for the compensations to inspectors and officers of inspection to be appointed to collect the duties imposed on distilled spirits, and to secure the collection thereof ; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Lawrence be of the said committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of this House, to consider and report what time it will be proper the next Congress should commence. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead ; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare : Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded, further to amend the said bill, by inserting the following clause :

" And be it further enacted, That if any inspector, or other officer or person concerned in the collection of the revenue to be raised by this act, shall, by word, message or writing, or in any other manner whatsoever, persuade or endeavor to persuade any elector to give, or dissuade or endeavor to dissuade any elector from giving his vote for the choice of any person to be a member of the House of Representatives, member of the Senate, or President of the United States, such inspector or other person so offending shall be forever disabled from holding an office under this act, and shall be subject to a penalty of dollars ;"

It passed in the negative— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{AYES 21.} \\ \text{NOES 37.} \end{array} \right.$

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*John Baptist Ashe,
 Abraham Baldwin,
 Timothy Bloodworth,
 John Brown,
 Edanus Burke,
 William Floyd,
 Elbridge Gerry,
 Jonathan Grout,
 John Hathorn,
 Daniel Heister,
 James Jackson,*

*Samuel Livermore,
 George Mathews,
 Andrew Moore,
 Josiah Parker,
 Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
 Joshua Seney,
 Peter Silvester,
 Michael Fenifer Stone,
 Thomas Tuder Tucker, and
 Alexander White.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*Fisher Ames,
 Egbert Benson,
 Elias Boudinot,
 Benjamin Bourn,
 Lambert Cadwalader,
 Daniel Carroll,
 George Clymer,
 Thomas Fitzsimons,
 Abiel Foster,
 George Gale,
 Nicholas Gilman,
 Benjamin Goodhue,
 Samuel Griffin,
 William B. Giles,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Benjamin Huntington,
 John Lawrance,
 Richard Bland Lee,
 George Leonard,*

*James Madison, junior,
 Peter Muhlenberg,
 James Schureman,
 Thomas Scott,
 Theodore Sedgwick,
 John Sevier,
 Roger Sherman,
 Thomas Sinnickson,
 William Smith (of Maryland),
 William Smith (of South-Carolina),
 John Steele,
 Jonathan Sturges,
 George Thatcher,
 Jonathan Trumbull,
 John Vining,
 Jeremiah Wadsworth,
 Hugh Williamson, and
 Henry Wynkoop.*

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table ; and an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, *January 22.*

Mr. Lawrance, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Seth Harding, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead ; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare ; and several propositions of amendment thereto being offered, and debate arising thereon, an adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, *January 24.*

A petition of Peter Johnson, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of John Cockley, praying that a bounty of lands may be granted him for military services in the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Lane, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for damages sustained in his property by the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of George Gibson, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war, in various stations.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Giles, Mr. Vining, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Wadsworth; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *January 24th*, 1791.

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

IN execution of the powers with which Congress were pleased to invest me by their act, intituled, "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the government of the United States," and on mature consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of the several positions, within the limits prescribed by the said act, I have, by a proclamation, bearing date this day, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, directed commissioners, appointed in pursuance of the act, to survey and limit a part of the territory of ten miles square, on both sides the river Potowmac, so as to comprehend George-Town in Maryland, and to extend to the eastern branch.

I have not by this first act, given to the said territory the whole extent of which it is susceptible, in the direction of the river; because I thought it important that Congress should have an opportunity of considering whether, by an amendatory law, they would authorize the location of the residue at the lower end of the present, so as to comprehend the eastern branch itself, and some of the country on its lower side, in the state of Maryland, and the town of Alexandria in Virginia—if however, they are of opinion that the federal territory should be bounded by the water edge of the eastern branch, the location of the residue will be to be made at the upper end of what is now directed.

I have thought best to await a survey of the territory, before it is decided on what particular spot on the north-eastern side of the river, the public buildings shall be erected.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The proclamation referred to in the said message, was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, stating their objections to the prin-

ciples of excise laws in general, and praying that no such law may be passed or sanctioned by the general government.

Ordered, That the said petition and remonstrance do lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare: Whereupon,

The said bill was further amended at the Clerk's table; and the following section, which was offered on Saturday last, to be added to the said bill by way of amendment; to wit,

"And be it further enacted, That the several duties imposed by this act, shall continue to be collected and paid, until the debts and purposes for which they are pledged and appropriated, shall be fully discharged and satisfied, and no longer," being under debate,

A motion was made, and the question being put, to amend the same, by striking out from the word "paid," to the end thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following words;

"Until the day of in the year and until the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer, the faith of the United States being hereby pledged, that timely and adequate provision shall be made for the full accomplishment of all the purposes, for which the monies arising under the operation of this act, are pledged and appropriated:"

It passed in the negative— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{AYES } 19. \\ \text{NOES } 39. \end{array} \right.$

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
William B. Giles,
Thomas Hartley,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
George Mathews,

Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
Thomas Scott,
Josbua Seney,
John Sevier,
John Steele,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,

Jonathan Grout,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,

Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Michael Fenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,

Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said section, as originally moved ;

It was resolved in the affirmative.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, *January 25.*

The several petitions of fundry citizens of the state of Pennsylvania ; of fundry citizens of the state of North-Carolina, and of Abiel Smith, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for property destroyed by the troops of the United States, or supplies furnished them during the late war. Also,

A petition of Alexander Contee Hanson, praying compensation for expenses incurred in consequence of an appointment of the late Congress.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Sarah Leitch, and James Frisby Leitch, infants and children of Major Andrew Leitch, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that the half pay of the commission possessed by their said father, who was slain in the service of the United States, may be extended to them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying that the excise-bill, now before Congress, may be so modified, as to prevent inconvenience or oppression to the farmers and tradesmen.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Lawrance, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed, presented an amendatory bill, which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of the merchants of the towns of Wilmington and Fayetteville in the state of North-Carolina, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, repealing, after the last day of _____ next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare: Whereupon,

The said bill was further amended at the Clerk's table.

And then the question, "that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time," being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative—

{	AYES	35.
{	NOES	20.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Jonathan Grout,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,*

*George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Samuel Griffin,
William B. Giles,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,*

*James Jackson,
George Mathews,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone, and
Thomas Tudor Tucker.*

Ordered, That Thursday next be assigned for the third reading of the said bill.

Mr. Tucker, from the committee “ appointed to confer with a committee of the Senate, respecting the time for the commencement of the next session of Congress,” made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *January 26.*

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing compensations for inspectors, and other officers of inspection, and for other purposes, which was received and read the first time.

An amendatory bill, “ directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed,” was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Thursday se’nnight.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *January 26th, 1791.**Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,*

I LAY before you the copy of a letter from the President of the National Assembly of France, to the President of the United States, and of a decree of that Assembly, which was transmitted with the above mentioned letter.

G. WASHINGTON.

The papers referred to in the said message, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of the inspectors of the district of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying farther compensation for their services : Also,

A petition of John Crumpton, of the State of New-York, praying compensation for thirty hogs, which were taken from him for the use of the army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Albert Roux, late a captain in the second continental regiment of South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, for making compensation to widows, orphans and invalids, in certain cases ; and that Mr. Smith (of South Carolina), Mr. Stone, and Mr. Trumbull, be of the said committee.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, making appropriations for the service of the current year, and that Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Boudinot, be of the said committee.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee, to whom were referred the petitions of the merchants of Wilmington and Fayetteville, in the State of North-Carolina ; and the said report being twice read at the Clerk's table, was agreed to, as followeth.

Resolved, That a bill or bills ought to be brought in, to repeal so much of the act, intituled, " An act for giving effect to an act, intituled, " An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States, within the State of North-Carolina," as relates to the holding the stated district and circuit courts at the town of Newbern only.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, *January 27.*

A bill providing compensation for inspectors, and other officers of inspection, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Friday se'nnight.

A memorial of the people called Quakers, in New-England, was presented to the House and read, stating their objections to certain provisions of a bill now depending, intituled, " A bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States."

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

The several petitions of Ezekiel Johnston, William Dade, Joel Phelps and Timothy Lane, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to

be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Levy Bartleson, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for supplies furnished for the use of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *January-27th*, 1791.

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

IN order that you may be fully informed of the situation of the frontiers, and the prospect of hostility in that quarter, I lay before you the intelligence of some recent depredations, received since my message to you upon this subject of the twenty-fourth instant.

G. WASHINGTON.

The papers referred to in the said message, were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Ames, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Vining, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Jackson.

A memorial of the Boston marine society, in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will establish three marine hospitals in the United States, for the care and support of aged and disabled seamen, one for the southern, one for the middle, and one for the eastern States.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill, intituled “An act concerning consuls and vice-consuls,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

An engrossed bill, repealing, after the last day of next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead ; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up, and the question being put, that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative— { AYES 35.
 { NOES 21.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,*

*Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,*

*George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,*

*William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
William B. Giles,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
George Mathews,*

*Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Joshua Seney,
William Smith (of Maryland),
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and
Hugh Williamson.*

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, “An act, repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, *January 28.*

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, “An act concerning consuls and vice-consuls,” was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

A petition of the public creditors, holding loan-office certificates for money lent the United States to carry on the late war, was presented to the House and read, representing the insufficiency of the provision for the public creditors, made by an act of the last session of Congress, intituled, “An act making provision for the debt of the United States,” and praying that a more adequate provision may now be made.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Laurens, in behalf of the orphan daughter of the late Colonel John Laurens, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of the inspectors of the state of New-York, was presented to the House and read, praying an increase of the compensation allowed by law for their services.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Sturges, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of the freeholders of the counties of Albany and Washington, in the state of New-York, respecting the pension granted to John Younglove, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of George Gibson, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Churchman : Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded, " That the petition of the said John Churchman be complied with, so far as to enable him to make a voyage to Baffins Bay, for ascertaining his discoveries relating to the magnetic circles ;"

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in to encrease the penalties provided by the act for the encouragement of learning, &c. so far as the said penalties apply to maps and charts, and to books of calculation ; and that Mr. Huntington, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Heister, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled, " An act declaring the consent of Congress, that a new state be formed within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into this Union, by the name of the state of Kentucky ;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time ; and the question being put that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith :

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the subject of the establishment of a mint, made pursuant to an order of the House of the fifteenth of April last ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Senate, respecting the time for the commencement of the next session of Congress : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said report, in the words following, to wit :

That it is the opinion of the joint committee, that a revenue-bill may be passed, and such other business, as is of immediate importance, accomplished before the fourth day of March next, and that it will therefore not be necessary that a new session should commence immediately thereafter.

That the joint committee are also of opinion, that a bill should pass to alter the next annual meeting of Congress to an earlier day than that expressed in the Constitution.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report ; and that Mr. Tucker, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Partridge, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, declaring the assent of Congress to a certain act of the state of Maryland ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next. And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, *January 31.*

Another member, to wit ; Benjamin Contee, from Maryland, appeared and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had, according to order, examined an inrolled bill, intituled, " An act declaring the consent of Congress that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into the Union, by the name of the State of Kentucky," and had found the same to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

An engrossed bill, to declare the assent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, " An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Lawrance, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of government, during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, and for other purposes, which was received and read the first time.

A petition of Thomas Hobby, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled, " An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States ;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for establishing the post-office and post-roads of the United States, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, *February 1.*

A bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," was read the third time.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said bill be re-committed to the consideration of a committee of the whole House,

It passed in the negative— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{AYES } 23. \\ \text{NOES } 34. \end{array} \right.$

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Benjamin Bourn,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Daniel Carroll,
Benjamin Contee,
George Gale,
Jonathan Grout,
William B. Giles,
James Jackson,

Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Josiah Parker,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Tuder Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,

Samuel Livermore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
John Steele,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 2.

A petition of Gofuinus Erkelens, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of John Edgar, of Kaskaskies village, in the Illinois country, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several petitions of Daniel Lollar, Samuel Sheppard, Robert King, and Cornelius Vanslyck, agent and attorney in fact for fundry officers in the late army, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received and injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, “An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland.” And then he withdrew.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled, “An act declaring the consent of Congress, that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into the Union, by the name of the State of Kentucky.”

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, intituled, “An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States ;” upon the question that the said bill do pass, and some time being spent in debate thereon, an adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, *February 3.*

The petitions of Francis Shaffner, and James Swaine, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Anna Emmerfon, widow of Oliver Emmerfon, deceased, who died in the service of the United States, during the late war, praying some provision for her support.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of fundry widows, who are creditors of the United States, for money loaned during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying that a more adequate provision may be made for the payment of their respective claims.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The petitions of Richard Dale, and John Jones, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying the settlement of a claim against the United States. Also,

A petition of the merchants of Philadelphia, praying that public piers may be erected at Newcastle, in the state of Delaware, for the better accommodation of the trade in the port of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to establish a temporary provision for the clerks of the several judicial courts of the United States, for the marshals of districts, and for the attendance and services of jurors in the circuit and district courts ; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Sturges, and Mr. Contee be of the said committee.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Whereas certain certificates or evidences of debt dated after the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, have been issued by one or more of the States, which certificates purport that they were issued in lieu of certain other certificates dated prior to the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; and the certificates of the first description are, on account of their date, not received by the loan-officers, as subscriptions to the loan proposed by the United States, although the certificates, in lieu of which they were issued, are clearly within the description of the law, and would, if not cancelled, be recoverable at the loan-office: Therefore,

Resolved, That all certificates of the first description above, be received at the loan-offices, as other evidences of the debt of the several states are by law receivable.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, intitled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States:" upon the question that the said bill do pass; whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded, that the first section of the said bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole House "for the purpose of altering the time or manner of subscribing, so that the holders of state securities assumed to be paid by the United States, may be on a footing with the holders of other securities formerly called national securities,"

It passed in the negative— { AYES 21.
 { NOES 38.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Daniel Carroll,
Benjamin Contee,
George Gale,
Jonathan Grout,
William B. Giles,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,

James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
John Sevier,
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,

Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,

*Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),*

*Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

After which, further debate arising on the said bill, an adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 4.

A petition of Andrew Ohe, was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States. Also,

A petition of John Hollins, praying an abatement of the additional duties, which took place the first of January last, arising on a cargo imported in a vessel, which, although she arrived before that period, was prevented by the ice from getting to her port of entry till some time after.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, to whom was referred on the ninth of August last, the representation of the general court of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, respecting the whale and cod fisheries, accompanying his report on that subject ; which was read, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for their information.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, intitled, " An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States : " on the question that the said bill do pass, and after farther debate thereon, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 5.

A petition of James Norris, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Isaac Vincent, praying relief in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Abraham Skinner, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed for monies advanced whilst commissary-general of prisoners, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, further to continue in force an act passed the first session of Congress, intitled, " An act to regulate civil processes in the courts of the United States : "

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Sturges, and Mr. Contee.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the establishment of a mint, which was made to this House on Friday the twenty-eighth ultimo, be sent to the Senate for their information.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, intitled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States :—" Upon the question that the said bill do pass, and further debates arising thereon, after some time spent therein, an adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, February 7.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of State, on the petition of Andrew Brown, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Benoni Shipman, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive compensation for a number of guns and warlike implements which he purchased for the use of the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. White, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend an act, intitled, "An act to promote the progress of useful arts ;" which was received and read the first time.

A petition of fundry merchants and others, of the town of New-Bedford, in the county of Bristol, in the state of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that a weekly post may be established by law from Boston, through Taunton, to the said town of New-Bedford.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the memorial of the public creditors holding loan-office certificates, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Sherman, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Heister, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Gale ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, intitled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States :—" Upon the question that the said bill do pass, and after farther debate thereon, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 8.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an inrolled bill, intitled, "An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the state of Maryland," and had found the same to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A bill to amend an act, intitled, "An act to promote the progress of useful arts," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Saturday next.

The petitions of Charles Lockman, and Sylvester Springer, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered as surgeon's mates in the hospital department of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Peter Sheffner, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, as a disabled lieutenant in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the petition of the marine society of Boston, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the next session of Congress.

Mr. Tucker, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to alter the time of the next meeting of Congress; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, “An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes.” And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary at War be discharged from considering the petition of Richard Blackledge, which was referred to him on the nineteenth of January last; and that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled, “An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the state Maryland.”

A petition of Ezekiel Conklin and others, inhabitants of the county of Orange, in the state of New-York, by Ebenezer Hazard their attorney, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for damages sustained in their property, by the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of George Le Roy, late a captain in the army of the United States, by his agents, Vanuxem and Lombaert, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will direct the interest on the certificates which he received for his services, to be paid him by a banker in Paris.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, intituled, “An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States:” upon the question “that the said bill do pass;” whereupon,

The previous question being called for by five members; to wit, “Shall the main question be now put?”

It was resolved in the affirmative—

{ AYES 38.
{ NOES 20.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,

William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,

Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,

John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
John Steele,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Daniel Carroll,
Benjamin Contee,
George Gale,
Jonathan Grout,
William B. Giles,

James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Josiah Parker,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.

And then the main question being put, That the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative— { AYES 39.
 { NOES 20.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
Peter Muhlenberg,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
John Steele,
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,

John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Daniel Carroll,

*Benjamin Contee,
George Gale,
Jonathan Grout,
William B. Giles,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,*

*George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Josiah Parker,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.*

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith. The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *February 9.*

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, intituled, "An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the state of Maryland."

The said messenger also delivered in a written message from the President, in the words following, to wit:

UNITED STATES, *February 9th, 1791.*

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

I HAVE received from the Governor of Vermont, authentic documents, expressing the consent of the Legislatures of New-York and of the Territory of Vermont, that the said Territory shall be admitted to be a distinct member of our Union; and a memorial of Nathaniel Chipman and Lewis R. Morris, Commissioners from the said Territory, praying the consent of Congress to that admission, by the name and stile of the State of Vermont, copies of which I now lay before Congress, with whom the Constitution has vested the object of these proceedings.

G. WASHINGTON.

Ordered, That the said written message, together with the papers accompanying the same, be referred to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Boudinot, and Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Huntington, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for increasing the penalty contained in act passed the second session of Congress, intituled, "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned;" which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, intituled, "An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States;" which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an inrolled bill, intituled, "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Michael Jackson, late colonel of the eighth Massachusetts regiment, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, supplementary to an act, intituled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States;" and that Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Vining, be of the said committee.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled, "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 10.

A bill for increasing the penalty contained in an act passed the second session of Congress, intituled, "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts and books to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Saturday next.

A bill to continue for a limited time, the act regulating processes in the courts of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A petition and remonstrance of John Fitch, was presented to the House and read, complaining of the injurious operation which the bill now depending before Congress, intituled, "A bill to amend the act to promote the progress of useful arts," will have on his interest, should the same be passed into a law.

Ordered, That the said petition and remonstrance do lie on the table.

A petition of fundry masters of vessels in the port of Charleston, South-Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt measures to relieve them from the injury they suffer, by the preference given in that place to foreign vessels, in the carrying trade.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded, "That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills repealing so much of the act, intituled, "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," as hath rated the rix dollar of Denmark at one hundred cents."

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to Mr. Bourn, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Thatcher.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, supplementary to the act, intituled, "An act to establish the treasury department;" and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Ames, be of the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territory of the United States ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, on the said bill.

Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, intitled, " An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," which was received and read the first time.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report on the petition of the merchants of Philadelphia, trading to India and China, made pursuant to an order of this House, of the 20th of January last, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 11.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, intitled, " An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass ; and that the title be, " An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill, authorising the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass ; and that the title be, " An act authorising the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A bill supplementary to the act, intitled, " An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, intitled, " An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Ebenezer Fielding, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, as a disabled soldier in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

The petitions of Francis Proctor, and John Henderson, respectively praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing compensations for clerks, marshals and jurors ; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands, within the territories of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to alter the time of the meeting of the next session of Congress, was read the third time, and the blank therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter the time of the meeting of the next session of Congress."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the petition of the masters of vessels employed in the carrying trade in the port of Charleston, South-Carolina, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the laws concerning the trade and navigation of the United States.

A memorial of Thomas Walley, William Smith and Joseph Ward, was presented to the House and read, praying that certain bills issued under authority of the former Congress, of which the petitioners are possessed, the interest whereof was payable in sterling bills of exchange in Europe, may be liquidated, and the arrears of interest paid, or the principal and interest of the said bills funded in like manner with loan-office certificates.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to report whether any and what farther provision is necessary to secure the due accounting for the monies expended in the department of war:

And a committee was appointed of Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Gilman.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 12.

A petition of Aquila Giles, on behalf of sundry inhabitants of Long-Island, in the State of New-York, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and payment of certain claims against the United States. Also,

A petition of the gaugers of the city of New-York, praying compensation for certain services which they have rendered, and for which no provision hath been made by law. Also,

A petition of Peter Miller, of Vincent township, Chester county, and State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for damages sustained in his property, by the army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

The petitions of the ministers and trustees of the Lutheran church, Pike-land township, Chester county, and of the wardens of the Calvinist church, in Vincent township, Chester county, in the State of Pennsylvania, respectively praying compensation for damages done to their churches, by the army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the petition of the inspectors of New-York, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Ebenezer Stevens, late a lieutenant-colonel in the army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying, that the resolution of the late Congress of the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, granting an extra allowance to a certain description of officers of artillery, may be extended to him. Also,

A petition of John Knight, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, as surgeon's mate, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The petitions of Thomas Barclay, and of Jacob Winey, on behalf of himself and others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that depreciation may be allowed on certain paper money payments, made them by order of the late Congress, for the freight and valuation of two ships, the property of the petitioners, which were chartered for public service, and afterwards taken by the enemy.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Clymer, Mr. Smith (of Maryland), and Mr. Partridge, that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Tucker, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his past services and expences, as clerk to the supreme court of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill, providing compensations for clerks, marshals and jurors.

A petition of David Brubaker, of Lancaster county, in the state of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a quantity of timber, furnished for the purpose of building stockades, huts, &c. for the use of the British prisoners, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, concerning the trade and navigation of the United States, be discharged from further proceeding thereon.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of State, on the petition of Andrew Brown ; Whereupon,

Resolved, That Andrew Brown, or any other printer, be permitted (under the direction of the Secretary of State) to collate with and correct by the original rolls, the laws, resolutions, and treaties of the United States, to be by him printed ; and that a certificate of their having been so collated and corrected, be annexed to the said edition. *Provided*, That such collation and correction be at the expense of the said Andrew Brown, or such other printer, and that the person or persons to be by him or them employed in that service, be approved by the Secretary of State.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an inrolled bill, intituled, " An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," and had found the same to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the public creditors holding loan-office certificates for money lent to the United States, between September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven,

and March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report on the petition of John Hollins, of the town of Baltimore, referred to him pursuant to an order of this House, of the fourth instant, which was read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill, intituled, “ An act for the admission of the state of Vermont into this Union ;” they have also passed a bill, intituled, “ An act regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the states of Kentucky and Vermont ;” to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House. I am also directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, on the fourth instant, affix his signature to an act which originated in the Senate, intituled, “ An act declaring the consent of Congress, that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into this Union, by the name of the State of Kentucky.” And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, “ An act for the admission of the state of Vermont into this Union,” was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, “ An act regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the states of Kentucky and Vermont,” was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments agreed to by the committee of the whole House, to the bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territories of the United States, and made some progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, February 14.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, as followeth, to wit :

UNITED STATES, February 14th, 1791.

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

SOON after I was called to the administration of the government, I found it important to come to an understanding with the court of London, on several points interesting to the United States ; and particularly to know, whether they were disposed to enter into arrangements, by mutual consent, which might fix the commerce between the two nations, on principles of reciprocal advantage. For this purpose, I authorized informal conferences with their ministers ; and from these, I do not infer any disposition on their part, to enter into any arrangements merely commercial. I have thought it proper to give you this information, as it might, at some time, have influence on matters under your consideration.

G. WASHINGTON.

Ordered, That the said message do lie on the table.

The several petitions of David Cook, Moses Sanderson, Thomas Haven, Elizabeth Parker, Charles Clingen, William Copeland and others, by Michael Connelly their agent, Mary Ripley, and Stephen Drayton, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in to explain so much of the act, intituled, "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States," as imposes a duty on imported lead and on calicoes; and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Leonard, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, intituled, "An act for the admission of the state of Vermont into this Union;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under their consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time; and on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, to give effect to the laws of the United States within the state of Vermont; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Sturges, be of the said committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States."

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, intituled, "An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House, to the bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territories of the United States, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 15.

Another member, to wit; Thomas Sumpter, from South-Carolina, appeared and took his seat in the House.

The several petitions of Nathan Stacey and others, Esther Mix, Elizabeth Kuhn, and Ann Harold, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary at War, accompanying his reports on the several petitions of Joseph Anderson, Abraham Hunt, Samuel Shepherd, George Glentworth, Anne Roberts, the orphan children of Andrew Leitch, the orphan children of William White, Michael G. Howdin, Samuel Buffington attorney of Frances S. Debevere, Moses Rawlings, Joseph Pannil, Thomas McIntire, Timothy Mix, and Abel Turney, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Barney : Whereupon,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to authorize the payment of _____ dollars to captain Barney for expenses incurred in obtaining his release from captivity, and in returning to the United States ; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Smith (of Maryland), Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Cadwalader, be of the said committee.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report respecting farther compensation to commissioners of the several loan-offices, made pursuant to an order of the House of the thirteenth of January last ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Stone have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Monday next until the end of the session.

On motion,

Ordered, That the written message of yesterday, from the President of the United States, be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Madison, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Bourn, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Vining, and Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina).

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have agreed to the resolution for authorizing Andrew Brown, or any other printer, to collate with and correct by the original rolls, the laws, resolutions and treaties of the United States, for the purpose of publishing new editions thereof. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled, "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead ; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same," together with the said bill, be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a return of the exports of the United States between the month of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments made by the committee of the whole House, to the bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territories of the United States ; and having gone through and agreed to the same, and further amended the said bill at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made, and the question being put, to add to the end of the second section the following proviso,

Provided always, That any purchaser of lands, when the payment thereof shall be due, may proffer in payment any of the certificates of the funded debt

It was resolved in the affirmative—

{	AYES	34.
{	NOES	21.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

Egbert Benson,
John Brown,
George Clymer,
Benjamin Contee,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Thomas Hartley,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,
Peter Muhlenberg,

George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
John Vining.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *February* 16.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Tarlton Woodson, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the commutation of half pay, in consideration of services rendered in the army of the United States, during the late war ; and also the payment of a balance due to him on the public books. Also,

A petition of Reuben Spencer, praying an addition to his pension as a disabled foldier in the service of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary at War, accompanying his reports on the petitions of John Chadwick, Nicholas Haugendobler, Nathaniel Alexander, Daniel Merrill for himself and others, Joseph Hugg, John Post, Joshua Orne for himself and others, Lewis Prahl, Stephen Clapp, Josiah Simpson attorney for Dorcas Frost and others, Nathaniel Porter, Lawrence Allman, James Easton, Samuel Kearsley, William S. Smith, John Keehmle, and John Linn, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed to enquire into the administration of the late Superintendent of Finance, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to compensate Joshua Barney, which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A petition of Nicholas Ferdinand Westfall, was presented to the House and read, praying a gratuity of lands and other advantages, promised by the late Congress to those who should quit the British service, in consideration of his having left that service and joined the American army, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of fundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, stating fundry reasons in opposition to a petition of fundry other merchants of the said city, trading to India and China, praying an increase of the duties on all China and East-India goods, imported into the United States, from Europe.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territories of the United States, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands, within the territories of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined two inrolled bills, one intituled, "An act for the admission of the State of Vermont into this Union," the other, intituled, "An act to continue in force for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, intituled, "An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States :'" Also,

An inrolled resolve, "Authorizing Andrew Brown, or any other printer, to collate with, and correct by the original rolls, the laws, resolutions and treaties of the United States, for the purpose of publishing new editions thereof;" and had found them to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills and resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee, to whom was referred the petition of George Gibson ; and the first part of the said report, in

the words following, to wit ; “ That the petitioner, George Gibson is, in justice, entitled to the sum of dollars from the United States, as a commutation for half pay of a continental colonel, agreeably to former resolutions of Congress ; was on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.”

An adjournment being then called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, *February 17.*

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont, which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

A petition of John Nicholson, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war, as an Indian interpreter and guide.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit ; one intituled, “ An act for the admission of the state of Vermont into this Union ;” the other intituled, “ An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, intituled, “ An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States ;” also, an enrolled resolve, “ To authorize Andrew Brown, or any other printer, to collate with, and correct by the original rolls, the laws, resolutions and treaties of the United States, for the purpose of publishing new editions thereof.”

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House be discharged from further proceeding on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled, “ An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead ; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same.”

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments to the said bill : Whereupon,

Some were agreed to, others amended and agreed to, and others disagreed to.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, *February 18.*

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, intituled, “ An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, intituled, “ An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States ;” also, an enrolled resolve, to authorize Andrew Brown, or any other printer, to collate with, and correct by the original rolls, the laws, resolutions and treaties of the United States, for the

purpose of publishing new editions thereof. The said messenger also delivered in a written message from the President, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *February* 18th, 1791.

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

I HAVE received from the Secretary of State, a report on the proceedings of the Governor of the North-Western Territory, at Kaskaskia, Kahokia, and Prairie, under the resolution of Congress, of August twenty-ninth, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, which containing matter proper for your consideration, I lay the same before you.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The said written message, and the report therein referred to, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Secretary at War be discharged from further proceeding on the petition of Peter Shaffner, referred to him by an order of this House of the eighth instant ; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

A petition of Charles M'Clane, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Rosina Jones, widow of Abel Jones, deceased, praying that the allowance granted to the widows of those who died in the service of the United States, during the late war, may be extended to her.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign, an act which originated in the Senate, intituled, “ An act for the admission of the State of Vermont into this Union.” And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, intituled, “ An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead ; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same :” Whereupon,

The amendment to the sixty-first section, for striking out the words “ *any justice of the peace, or court of any state of competent jurisdiction ;*” and also the proviso, and to substitute the word “ *the,*” in lieu of the words first stricken out, being read,

A motion was made, and the question being put, to amend the said amendment, by striking out the whole of the said sixty-first section, in the words following, to wit ;

And be it further enacted, That the prosecution for all fines, penalties and forfeitures incurred by force of this act, and for all duties payable in virtue thereof, and which shall not be duly paid, shall and may be had before any justice of the peace, or court of any state of competent jurisdiction, or court of the United States, of the district in which the cause of action shall arise, with an appeal as in other cases : Provided, That where the cause of action shall exceed in value fifty dollars, the same shall not be cognizable before a justice of the peace only.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the main question being put, “ That the House do agree to the said amendment of the Senate, as now amended ?”

It was resolved in the affirmative—

{	AYES 35.
{	NOES 21.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*Fisher Ames,
Abraham Baldwin,
Egbert Benson,
Benjamin Bourn,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
William B. Giles,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,*

*Richard Bland Lee,
George Leonard,
James Madison, junior,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*John Baptist Ashe,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Edanus Burke,
William Floyd,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Samuel Livermore,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,*

*Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
John Steele,
George Thatcher,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.*

And then the House having proceeded further in the consideration of the Senate's amendments, an adjournment was called for : Whereupon,
The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, *February 19.*

A petition of Valentine Wizick, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Joseph Tatlow, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the hire and valuation of a sloop which was impressed from him for the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Benjamin Fuller, praying compensation for injuries done to his property by the army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Coningham, Nesbitt and Company, and James Crawford, of the city of Philadelphia, praying to be relieved against the payment of second

tonnage on certain vessels, the double entry of which was occasioned by the mistake of the deputy-collector at Newcastle. Also,

A petition of Frederick W. Starman, and sundry other persons, holding certificates of the registered debt of the United States, which have not been duly transferred to them agreeable to the regulations of the treasury, praying to be permitted to deliver in the said certificates, and to receive others in their own names for the amount thereof.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Jacob Winey, and Thomas Barclay, be discharged from further proceeding thereon; and that the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That the return of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the amount of exports of the United States, for one year, made to this House on Tuesday last, be committed to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Bourn, and Mr. Sedgwick.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the state of Vermont; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the states of Kentucky and Vermont; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time; and the question being put that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill providing compensations for clerks, marshals and jurors; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, "repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same." Whereupon,

A motion was made; and the question being put to amend the section proposed by the Senate to be inserted in the said bill by way of amendment, after the sixty-first section, by striking out the following words, "five per cent. of the said product computed throughout the United States; and such allowances

shall continue to be paid until altered by law ;” and inserting in lieu thereof the words, “ seven per cent. of the whole product of the duties arising from the spirits distilled within the United States ; and such allowances shall continue to be paid for the space of two years, unless sooner altered by law ;”

It was resolved in the affirmative—

{	AYES	34.
{	NOES	20.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Daniel Carroll,
Benjamin Contee,
William Floyd,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
William B. Giles,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,

James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
Samuel Livermore,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Mublenberg,
Josiah Parker,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
John Sewier,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith (of Maryland),
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining, and
Alexander White.

Those who voted in the negative, are;

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Abiel Foster,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,

George Leonard,
George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Henry Wynkoop.

And then the main question being put, "That the House do agree to the said amendment of the Senate, as now amended?"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to all the other amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, *February* 21.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary at War, accompanying his report on the several petitions of James Alexander, William Paine, Simon Summers, Jeremiah Ocain, Benoni Shipman, Robert King, Lemuel Sherman, John Hodge, Alexander Neilson, John Falconer, and sundry inhabitants of West-Chester county, in the state of New-York, John Baylor,

executor of colonel George Baylor, deceased, Stephen Steward, junior, executor of the late colonel John Steward, deceased, and Anthony Walton White: which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the state of Vermont."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the written message from the President of the United States, of the fourteenth instant, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill providing compensations for clerks, marshals and jurors; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, together with the amendment, be re-committed to Mr. Sherman, Mr. Benfon, Mr. Seney, Mr. White, and Mr. Livermore.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to explain and amend the act, intituled, "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to compensate Joshua Barney; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

And then the question being put, that the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time;

It passed in the negative.

And so the bill was rejected.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 22.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary at War, accompanying his reports on the several petitions of Richard Lloyd, Francis Taylor, Ebenezer A. Smith, James Norris, William Cottle, and David Cook, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to explain and amend the act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to explain and amend the act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making further provision for the collection of the duties imposed on teas ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill, supplementary to the act establishing the treasury department ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed to report, " whether any farther provision is necessary to secure the due accounting for the monies expended in the department of war," made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, supplementary to the act, intituled, " An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States ;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate do recede from their amendment disagreed to by this House, to the bill, intituled, " An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead ; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same : " And do agree to all the amendments proposed by this House, to their other amendments to the said bill, with an amendment to the amendment to the amendment which is proposed to follow the sixty-first section, by striking out the words "*for the space of two years, unless sooner altered by law,*" in the amendment to the amendment, and substituting in lieu thereof, the words, "*until altered by law.*" The Senate have also agreed to some farther amendments to the said bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the amendment to the amendment to the amendment, which is proposed to follow the sixty-first section of the before mentioned bill, and doth insist on the amendment to the said amendment, as originally proposed on the part of this House. AYES 36: NOES 24.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
John Brown,*

*Edanus Burke,
Daniel Carroll,
Benjamin Contee,
William Floyd,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,*

*William B. Giles,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hatborn,
Daniel Heister,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,*

*Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith (of Maryland),
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
George Leonard,*

*George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the farther amendments proposed by the Senate, to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint-committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an inrolled bill, intituled, "An act regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the states of Kentucky and Vermont," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to inform this House, that the Senate have resolved that the bill sent from this House, intituled, "An act to alter the time of the next meeting of Congress," do not pass to the third reading. They have also agreed to a resolution, that the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to the National Assembly of France, the peculiar sensibility of Congress to the tribute paid to the memory of Benjamin Franklin, by the enlightened and free Representatives of a great nation, in their decree of the eleventh of June, seventeen hundred and ninety; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 23.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, intituled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass; and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, intituled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution sent from the Senate yesterday; and the same being twice read, was agreed to as followeth:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to the National Assembly of France, the peculiar sensibility of Congress to the tribute paid to the memory of Benjamin Franklin, by the enlightened and free Representatives of a great nation, in their decree of the eleventh of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, respecting farther compensation to commissioners of the several loan-offices; and the same being twice read, was agreed to as followeth:

That provision should be made by law for admitting to the credit of the several commissioners of loans in the settlement of their respective accounts, all such sums as shall appear to have been necessarily expended by them in the purchase of stationery, and for the hire of clerks in relation to the execution of their offices, from the commencement of the same to the first day of October next, deducting the salary of one clerk in respect to each of the commissioners of Massachusetts, New-York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report; and that Mr. Williamson, Mr. Partridge, and Mr. White, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have come to a resolution, that the bill sent from this House, intituled, "An act to authorize the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged," do not pass to the third reading: And they have passed the bill, intituled, "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the state of Vermont," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress, and that Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), Mr. Lawrance, and Mr. Van Rensselaer, be of the said committee.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate insist on their amendment disagreed to by this House, to the amendment to the amendment which is proposed to follow the sixty-first section of the bill, intituled, "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same;" and desire a conference with this House on the subject matter thereof, to which they have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference desired by the Senate; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. White, and Mr. Livermore, be appointed managers at the said conference on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the written message from the President of the United States, of the fourteenth instant: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be referred to the Secretary of State; and that he be directed to report to Congress the nature and extent of the privileges and restrictions of the commercial intercourse of the United States with foreign nations, and such measures as he shall think proper to be adopted for the improvement of the commerce and navigation of the same.

Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, *February 24.*

The several petitions of Peter Stoy, Thomas Alexander and John Turner, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of William Middleton, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of George Webb, was presented to the House and read, praying farther compensation for his services, and also to be reimbursed for the loss of a sum of the public money, whilst receiver of continental taxes, for the state of Virginia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of William Simmons, referred to him by an order of this House of the seventh of January last, which was twice read, and agreed to as followeth:

That it would be expedient, in the opinion of the Secretary, to raise the salary of the chief clerk of the Auditor, to the same standard with the salary of the chief clerk of the Comptroller.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report; and that Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Bourn, and Mr. Foster, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Senate to the bill, intitled, "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the state of Vermont;" and the same being twice read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, an inrolled bill, intitled, "An act regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the States of Kentucky and Vermont:" Also, that they had examined an inrolled resolve, which originated in the Senate, requesting the President of the United States to communicate to the Na-

tional Assembly of France, the peculiar sensibility of Congress, to the tribute paid to the memory of Benjamin Franklin, and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill, making compensation to clerks, marshals and jurors, presented an amendatory bill, providing compensations for the officers of the several courts of law, and for jurors and witnesses ; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Bourn, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the rix dollar of Denmark ; which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee to whom was referred the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the fifteenth instant, accompanying a return of the exports of the United States, between the month of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, made a report, which was twice read, and agreed to by the House as followeth :

That the said return of exports ought to be printed for the information of the citizens of the United States, in such manner as to shew the names, quantity and value of the articles exported, the dominions to which the same were carried, and the amount in value so carried.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for making compensations to the commissioners of loans for extraordinary expenses and services ; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury report, whether any, and what additions are to be made to his return of the exports of the United States.

An engrossed bill, fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass ; and that the title be, “ An act fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill, supplementary to the act establishing the treasury department ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the several petitions and memorials of the public creditors, which lay on the table : Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution ;

“ *Resolved*, That it would be inexpedient to alter the system for funding the public debt, established during the last session of Congress ; and that the petition of Thomas M'Kean and others, stiling themselves a committee of the

public creditors of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and also the other petitions on that subject, cannot be granted :”

It was resolved in the affirmative— { AYES 53.
NOES 2.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
William B. Giles,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
John Lawrence,
Richard Bland Lee,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,

George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Elbridge Gerry, and

Thomas Scott.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, “ An act to explain and amend an act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States.” And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for establishing the post-office and post-roads of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under their consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 25.

An engrossed bill, supplementary to the act establishing the treasury department, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass; and that the title be, “An act supplementary to the act establishing the treasury department.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Jacob Isaacs, of Newport, in the State of Rhode-Island, was presented to the House and read, praying that some adequate reward or gratuity may be made to him, for the discovery of an art or secret which he possesses, of converting salt water into fresh, so as to render it proper for every purpose for which spring or fresh river water is wanted, by a process simple, easy, and unexpensive.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Aaron Vail, was presented to the House and read, praying that two vessels employed under contract of the petitioner, to carry the mail between the United States and France, may be exempted from the duties of tonnage on foreign vessels. Also,

A petition of Christian Harner, praying compensation for damages sustained in his property by the army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Christian Knipe, praying payment for a waggon which was impressed into the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Brown and Francis, praying to be reimbursed the amount of the second duty paid by the petitioners, on sundry goods of foreign manufacture, which were exported by them from the United States, and afterwards imported into the same. Also,

A petition of Dorsey Pentecost, praying the pre-emption of a certain tract of land in the western territory of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report respecting the loan negotiated in Holland, on the part of the United States, of three millions of florins; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Lawrance, and Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, pursuant to the tenor thereof.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by the Senate to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, one intituled, “An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States;” the other intituled, “An act regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the states of Kentucky and Vermont.” And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report on the petition of Comfort Sands and others; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Benson.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, covering his report on the petition of Nicholas Ferdinand Westphall; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to attend the conference with the Senate, agreeable to the order of yesterday, made a report: Whereupon,

On a motion made and seconded,

That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendment last proposed by the Senate, to the amendment of this House to the amend-

ment of the Senate, which is proposed to follow the sixty-first section of the bill, intituled, "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same;" and doth agree to the said amendment to the amendment to the amendment, amended to read as followeth—"Seven per cent. of the whole product of the duties arising from the spirits distilled within the United States: *And provided also*, That such allowances shall not exceed the annual amount of forty-five thousand dollars, until the same shall be further ascertained by law."

It was resolved in the affirmative— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{AYES } 30. \\ \text{NOES } 29. \end{array} \right.$

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Nicholas Gilman,
Benjamin Goodhue,
Thomas Hartley,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,*

*George Leonard,
George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Jonathan Sturges,
George Thatcher,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Daniel Carroll,
Benjamin Contee,
William Floyd,
Samuel Griffin,
Jonathan Grout,
William B. Giles,
James Jackson,
Richard Bland Lee,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,*

*George Mathews,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Joshua Seney,
Peter Silvester,
William Smith (of Maryland),
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.*

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several petitions of Thomas Campbell, Caleb Ferris, Thomas Brush, junior, and Paul Bowman, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Thaddeus Reed, late a soldier in the coast guards, in the State of Connecticut, praying relief in consideration of an injury sustained in his health, in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Benjamin Fuller, praying payment of certain arrearages of wages and clothing, which he alledges are still due to him, as a soldier in the Massachusetts line, during the late war. Also,

The petitions of Joseph Cox, and Ebenezer Kent, respectively praying to be allowed commutation of five years half-pay, in lieu of half-pay for life, as ensigns in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of commodore Abraham Whipple, praying to be allowed commutation, and all other emoluments as an officer in the late navy of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report respecting certificates or evidences of debt issued after the first of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House be discharged from further proceeding on the bill for establishing post-offices and post-roads of the United States.

A bill repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the six-dollar of Denmark, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY *February 26.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled, “An act supplementary to the act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States:” The Senate have also passed a bill, intituled, “An act to amend the act, intituled, “An act to establish the temporary and permanent seat of the government of the United States;” to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Comfort Sands and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Elias Hasket Derby, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the payment of the impost on certain cargoes of tea, imported by the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Seth Harding: Whereupon,

It being moved and seconded, that the House do agree to the said report in the words following, to wit :

“ That Congress pass an act granting to captain Harding the sum of dollars, as a gratuity for his services and losses occasioned by leaving his estate and employment within the British dominions, and for the active, beneficial and meritorious part he has taken in securing the rights and independence of America : ”

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the reports of the Secretary at War, on the several petitions of the children of captain Robert Lewis, deceased, of Hannah Douglass, widow of the late colonel William Douglass, of Anne Roberts, of the orphan children of the late major Andrew Leitch, of the orphan children of the late captain William White, of Samuel Buffington, attorney to Francis Suzor Debevere, of Joseph Pannil, of Thomas M^cIntire, of Robert King, and of Lemuel Sherman : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitions, respectively, be granted, in conformity to the tenor of the said reports : and that it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills “ for making compensation to widows, orphans and invalids, in certain cases,” that they do insert a clause or clauses, making provision for the said cases respectively.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary at War, on the petitions of Timothy Mix, and Abel Turney : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Timothy Mix, be intitled, as an invalid, to the half-pay of a lieutenant, upon his returning his commutation ; and that the said Abel Turney be placed on the pension-list, agreeable to the said report.

Ordered, That the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills “ for making compensations to widows, orphans and invalids, in certain cases,” do insert a clause or clauses pursuant to the said resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary at War, on the petition of Michael Gabriel Houdin : Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded, “ That there be granted to the petitioner, as a foreign officer, a gratuity of two hundred dollars, to reimburse him for expenses incurred in coming to and returning from America ; ”

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary at War, on the petition of David Cook : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be referred to Mr. Burke, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Mathews, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant to the tenor thereof.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary at War, on the several petitions of Thaddeus Beebe, Robert Connolly, Francis Ackling, Jesse Holt, Reuben Gould, Barnabas Lucas, Robert Ford, Philip Buck, John Miles Charlesworth, Nathan Davis, Patrick M^cLaughlin, Thomas Boyd, Donald M^cDonald, Simeon Noyes, John Cardiff, Caleb Chadwick, Jabez Bill, Abner Pier, Job Priest, Wardwell Green, William Reynolds, Albert Roux, Anna Emmerfon, Anna W. Longcammer, Peter Johnson, Ezekiel Johnston, William M^cDade, Joel Phelps, Timothy Lane, Thomas Hobby, Isaac Vincent, Ebenezer Nash, Daniel Lollar, Ebenezer Fielding, and Simeon Thayer ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill, repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the six dollar of Denmark, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass ; and that the title be, “ An act concerning the rates of foreign coin.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House be discharged from further considering the bill sent from the Senate, intituled, "An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory north-west of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions," and that the said bill be referred to Mr. White, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Brown.

The House proceeded to the farther consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of George Gibson; Whereupon,

The latter part of the said report in the words following, to wit, "That in a most critical period during the late revolution, the petitioner undertook a fatiguing, hazardous, and important expedition of a secret nature, and by his fidelity and masterly management in the execution thereof, procured advantages to the United States, singularly important, without incurring any, or but a very trivial expense, for which he has hitherto received no compensation; and therefore the committee are of opinion that he is justly and equitably intitled to the sum of _____ dollars, as a reasonable compensation for his said services;" was, on the question put thereupon agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant thereto, and that Mr. Giles, Mr. Vining, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, Mr. Mathews and Mr. Wadsworth, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, *February 28.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, intituled, "An act fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress:" The Senate have also agreed to the amendment last proposed on the part of this House to their amendment to the bill repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same." And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled; "An act to amend the act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the government of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, intituled, "An act for the temporary establishment of the post-office;" and that Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Scott, be of the said committee.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary at War, on the petition of the orphan-children of John Harris, deceased: Whereupon,

Resolved, That there be paid to the petitioners the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty dollars, being the amount of a lieutenant's half-pay for seven years, agreeably to the resolve of Congress of the twenty-fourth of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making compensation to widows, orphans and invalids, in certain cases, to insert a clause or clauses pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary at War, enclosing his report on the petition of Philip De Haas: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Philip De Haas be so far granted, as that the comptroller of the treasury be directed to adjust his ac-

counts, and to admit such sums as by evidence shall appear to have been advanced by him for public service.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making compensation to widows, orphans and invalids, in certain cases, to insert a clause or clauses pursuant to the said resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of State, on the petition of Nicholas Ferdinand Westfall : Whereupon,

Resolved, That one hundred acres of unappropriated lands be granted to the said Nicholas Ferdinand Westfall, free of all charges, and that there be paid to him as a farther reward, the sum of three hundred and thirty-six dollars and eighty-four cents.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making compensation to widows, orphans and invalids, in certain cases, to insert a clause or clauses pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, “ An act supplemental to the act establishing the treasury department,” with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill providing compensations for the officers of the several courts of law, and for jurors and witnesses ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk’s table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for making compensations to the commissioners of loans, for extraordinary expenses and services ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment ; and the same being read as followeth :

“ Strike out the last clause of the bill in the words following, “ excepting only the hire of one clerk for the several commissioners in the states of Massachusetts, New-York, Pennsylvania and Virginia,” was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House—AYES 23 : NOES 27.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Elbridge Gerry,
William B. Giles,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,*

*John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
John Brown,
Benjamin Contee,
Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
Jonathan Grout,
James Jackson,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
George Mathews,*

*George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina)
Jonathan Sturges,
Thomas Sumpter,
George Thatcher,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.*

Ordered, That the petition of John Tucker, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Gerry, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Seney; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined an inrolled bill, intituled, "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, intituled, "An for the temporary establishment of the post-office;" which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to compensate George Gibson; which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for making compensation to the widows and orphan children of certain officers who were killed, or who died while in the service of the United States, during the late war, and for the relief of certain invalids and other persons therein mentioned; which was received and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, *March 1.*

A petition of James Adams, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered and injuries sustained in the navy of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of John Paul Schott, praying compensation for services rendered as a captain in the army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Patrick Sullivan, praying compensation for services rendered as an assistant-commissary of military stores, and clothier to the western expedition under General Sullivan. Also,

A petition of William Adams, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of injuries sustained in his health as a surgeon in the late army of the United States, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary at War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John Jones, of Berks county in the state of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for damages done to his property, by the army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Joseph Henry, assignee of Matthias Bush, praying compensation for wood furnished the British prisoners at Winchester, by the said Matthias Bush, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined four inrolled bills—to wit, one intituled, “An act supplementary to the act, intituled, “An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States;” another intituled, “An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the state of Vermont;” another intituled, “An act to explain and amend an act, intituled, “An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States;” and another intituled, “An act fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress; and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, shall be deemed to continue in office until another be appointed.

An engrossed bill providing compensations to the officers of the several courts of law, and to jurors and witnesses, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up; and on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{AYES } 30. \\ \text{NOES } 23. \end{array} \right.$

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Benjamin Bourn,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
Abiel Foster,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Samuel Griffin,
Thomas Hartley,
Benjamin Huntington,

John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
Roger Sherman,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Jonathan Sturges,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,

Elias Boudinot,
John Brown,
William Floyd,

Nicholas Gilman,
Jonathan Grout,
William B. Giles,
John Hathorn,
James Jackson,
George Leonard,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Josiah Parker,

*George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter, and
George Thatcher.*

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act providing compensations to the officers of the judicial courts of the United States, and to jurors and witnesses, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clérk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, “ An act to amend an act, intituled, “ An act to establish the temporary and permanent seat of the government of the United States,” was read the third time ; and on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative—

AYES	39.
NOES	18.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
George Gale,
Elbridge Gerry,
Samuel Griffin,
William B. Giles,
John Hathorn,
James Jackson,
John Lawrence,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
George Mathews,

Andrew Moore,
Josiah Parker,
James Schureman,
Thomas Scott,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
John Steele,
Michael Jenifer Stone,
Thomas Sumpter,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White,
Hugh Williamson, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*Fisher Ames,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,
William Floyd,
Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
Jonathan Grout,
Thomas Hartley,
Benjamin Huntington,*

George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
Peter Mublenberg,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Sency,
Jonathan Sturges, and
George Thatcher.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill supplemental to the act establishing the treasury department; and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time.

A bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, intitled, "An act for the temporary establishment of the post-office," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and agreed to several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation five inrolled bills; one intitled, "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same;" another intitled, "An act supplementary to the act, intitled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States;" another intitled, "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the state of Vermont;" another intitled, "An act to explain and amend an act, intitled, "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States;" and another intitled, "An act fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress;" also, an inrolled resolve, which originated in the Senate, expressive of the high sense of Congress on the decree of the National Assembly of France, respecting the late Benjamin Franklin.

A bill for making compensation to the widows and orphan children of certain officers who were killed, or who died while in the service of the United States, during the late war, and for the relief of certain invalids and other persons therein mentioned, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the said bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury which was made on Friday last, respecting certificates or evidences of debt issued after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, be referred to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Wadsworth, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto.

A bill to compensate George Gibson, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, intituled, "An act for the temporary establishment of the post-office," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass; and that the title be, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, intituled, "An act for the temporary establishment of the post-office," and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass; and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Thomas Claxton, assistant-doorkeeper to the House of Representatives, was presented to the House and read, praying a farther compensation for his services.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, *March 2.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to inform this House, that the Senate have postponed the consideration of the bill sent from this House, intituled, "An act to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territories of the United States," until the next session. I am also directed to inform this House, that the Senate have passed the bill, intituled, "An act repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the rix-dollar of Denmark," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill for making compensation to the widows and orphan children of certain officers who were killed, or who died while in the service of the United States, during the late war, and for the relief of certain invalids and other persons therein mentioned, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass; and that the title be, "An act for making compensation to the widows and orphans of certain officers who were killed, or who died while in the service of the United States, during the late war, and for the relief of certain invalids and other persons therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined two inrolled bills—to wit; one intituled, "An act supplemental to the act establishing the treasury department, and for a farther compensation to certain officers;" and another which originated in the Senate, intituled, "An act to amend an act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the government of the United States," and had found the same to be truly inrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill, in addition to the act for establishing the salaries of the executive officers of government, with their assistants and

clerks ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time.

Mr. Burke, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of David Cook ; which was received and read the first time.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, intituled, " An act repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the six-dollar of Denmark ;" and the same being twice read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill making farther provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to a committee of the whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts—to wit :

" An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the state of Vermont."

" An act to explain and amend an act, intituled, " An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States."

" An act supplementary to the act, intituled, " An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States." And

" An act fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress."

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have agreed to a resolution, " That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is requested to cause a return to be made to Congress at their next session, of the quantity and situation of the lands not claimed by the Indians, nor granted to, nor claimed by any citizens of the United States, within the territory ceded to the United States, by the state of North-Carolina, and within the territory of the United States north-west of the river Ohio," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution ; and the same being amended by striking out the words "*a return to be made to,*" and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "*an estimate to be laid before,*" was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lawrance, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury respecting certificates or evidences of debt issued since the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, presented a

bill concerning certain certificates or evidences of the public debt ; which was received and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, “ concerning consuls and vice-consuls ;” and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to.

The said bill, as amended, was then read the third time ; and, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill, intituled, “ An act making an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned ;” to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time ; and, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his reports on the several petitions of Gofuinus Erkelens, Elias Hasket Derby, and of Coningham, Nesbitt and Company, and James Crawford ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill in addition to the act for establishing the salaries of the executive officers of government, with their assistants and clerks, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass ; and that the title be, “ An act in addition to the act for establishing the salaries of the executive officers of government with their assistants and clerks.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill to compensate George Gibson ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to.

And then the question being put, that the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time ;

It was resolved in the affirmative—

{ AYES 33.
NOES 14.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Egbert Benson,
Elias Boudinot,*

*John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,*

George Clymer,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
Nicholas Gilman,
William B. Giles,
Thomas Hartley,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
James Madison, junior,
Peter Muhlenberg,

Thomas Scott,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
Thomas Sumpter,
Jonathan Trumbull,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth,
Alexander White, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,
Benjamin Bourn,
Abiel Foster,
John Hathorn,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
George Partridge,

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
George Thatcher, and
Hugh Williamson.

An engrossed bill, making farther provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass; and that the title be, "An act making farther provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas, and for prolonging the term for the payment of the duties on wines."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to compensate George Gibson, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass; and that the title be, "An act to compensate George Gibson."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate disagree to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, intituled, "An act concerning consuls and vice-consuls." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to re-consider the amendments to the said bill: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation two inrolled bills—to wit; one intituled, "An act supplementary to an act establishing the treasury department, and for a farther compensation to certain officers;" and another intituled, "An act to amend an act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the government of the United States."

On a motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That Gifford Dally be authorized to take the care of the rooms appropriated for the use of the House of Representatives, until the next meeting of Congress, and to make the necessary provision of fire-wood for the next session.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, *March 3.*

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary at War, accompanying his report on the petition of Henry Laurens; also, his report on the petitions of several Oneida and Tuscarora Indians, by their attorney Cornelius Vanslyk; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the petition of Thomas Claxton, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the expenses incurred by the said Thomas Claxton, as stated in his petition, not exceeding one hundred dollars, be included in the account of the Clerk of this House, when rendered, for the contingent expenses of the present session.

Mr. Cadwalader, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Tucker, made a report; which was read, and agreed to by the House as followeth:

"That the petition being unaccompanied with a stated account of the petitioner's expenses, and the petitioner being absent, the committee cannot ascertain with precision the amount of his claim, and therefore recommend that the farther consideration of the said petition be deferred until the next session of Congress."

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate adhere to their disagreement to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, intituled, "An act concerning consuls and vice-consuls." The Senate have also passed the bill, intituled, "An act making farther provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas, and for prolonging the term for the payment of the duties on wines." The Senate have also agreed to two resolutions, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, as follow:

"That a mint shall be established, under such regulations as shall be directed by law."

"That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be engaged, such artists as shall be necessary to carry the preceding resolution into effect, and to stipulate the terms and conditions of their service; and also to cause to be procured such apparatus as shall be requisite for the same purpose."

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions; and the second resolution being amended by inserting after the word "*such*," the word "*principal*;" the same were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.—AYES 25: NOES 21.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*Elias Boudinot,
Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Benjamin Contee,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
George Gale,
Nicholas Gilman,
Samuel Griffen,*

*Thomas Hartley,
John Lawrence,
Richard Bland Lee,
Peter Muhlenberg,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Joshua Seney,
John Sevier,
Peter Silvester,*

William Smith (of Maryland),
William Smith (of South-Carolina),
John Steele,
Jonathan Trumbull,

John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Edanus Burke,
Abiel Foster,
William B. Giles,
John Hathorn,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
James Jackson,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,

Andrew Moore,
George Partridge,
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Roger Sherman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
Thomas Sumpter,
Thomas Tudor Tucker,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.

The House proceeded to re-consider the amendments insisted on by this House, and to their disagreement to which the Senate doth adhere, to the bill, intituled, "An act concerning consuls and vice-consuls : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth adhere to their said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, "An act making compensations to the commissioners of loans, for extraordinary expenses," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment ; and the same being read, as followeth : "Strike out the last clause in the words following ; "excepting only the hire of one clerk for the several commissioners in the states of Massachusetts, New-York, Pennsylvania and Virginia ;" was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to.—AYES 20 : NOES 22.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present ;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lambert Cadwalader,
Daniel Carroll,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
George Gale,
Samuel Griffin,
William B. Giles,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,

Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Jonathan Trumbull, and
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Bourn,
John Brown,
Edanus Burke,
Benjamin Contee,

Abiel Foster,
Nicholas Gilman,
James Jackson,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
James Madison, junior,

*Peter Muhlenberg,
George Partridge,
James Schureman,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith (of Maryland),*

*William Smith (of South-Carolina)
Thomas Sumpter,
John Vining,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the resolution respecting the ungranted lands within the territories of the United States. The Senate have also passed the bill, intituled, “An act in addition to the act establishing the salaries to the executive officers of government, with their assistants and clerks,” with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate do also adhere to their amendment disagreed to by this House, to the bill, intituled, “An act making compensations to the commissioners of loans, for extraordinary expenses.” And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,
Resolved, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendment adhered to by the Senate to the bill last mentioned.—AYES 23: NOES 20.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

*Lambert Cadwalader,
George Clymer,
Thomas Fitzsimons,
William Floyd,
George Gale,
Samuel Griffin,
William B. Giles,
Thomas Hartley,
John Hathorn,
Benjamin Huntington,
John Lawrance,
Richard Bland Lee,*

*Peter Muhlenberg,
George Partridge,
Thomas Scott,
Theodore Sedgwick,
John Sevier,
Roger Sherman,
Peter Silvester,
Jonathan Trumbull,
John Vining,
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and
Henry Wynkoop.*

Those who voted in the negative, are,

*John Baptist Ashe,
Abraham Baldwin,
Timothy Bloodworth,
Elias Boudinot,
Benjamin Contee,
Abiel Foster,
James Jackson,
George Leonard,
Samuel Livermore,
George Mathews,*

*Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
James Schureman,
Joshua Seney,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Smith, (of Maryland),
William Smith, (of South-Carolina),
John Steele,
Thomas Sumpter,
Alexander White, and
Hugh Williamson.*

Resolved, That this House doth agree to all the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, intituled, “An act in addition to the act establishing the salaries to the executive officers of government, with their assistants and clerks.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, “An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory north-west of the Ohio, and for confirming them in

their possessions," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, intituled, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act for the temporary establishment of the post-office," with several amendments, to which they also desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,
Resolved, That this House doth agree to all the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said two last mentioned bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill, intituled, "An act providing compensations for the officers of the judicial courts of the United States, and for jurors and witnesses, and for other purposes," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments; and the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have deferred until the next session of Congress, the consideration of two bills sent from this House; the one intituled, "An act making compensation to the widows and orphan children of certain officers who were killed, or who died while in the service of the United States, during the late war, and for the relief of certain invalids and other persons therein mentioned;" the other intituled, "An act to compensate George Gibson." The Senate have also agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the resolutions respecting the establishment of a mint. They have also passed the bill, intituled, "An act supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said last mentioned bill; and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message. The Senate recede from such of their amendments as were disagreed to by this House, to the bill, intituled, "An act providing compensations for the officers of the judicial courts of the United States, and for jurors and witnesses, and for other purposes." The Senate have also passed the bill, intituled, "An act to continue in force the act therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the payment of pensions to invalids, and for the support of light-houses, beacons, buoys and public piers;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time.

On a motion made and seconded, that the following clauses of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, be proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States, to wit:

THAT the Congress shall, either by declaring the superior or supreme common law-court of the state to be the court, or by creating a new court for the purpose, establish A GENERAL JUDICIAL COURT in each state, the judges whereof shall hold their commissions during good behavior, and without any other limitation whatsoever, and shall be appointed and commissioned by the state, and shall receive their compensations from the United States only; and the compensations shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

The number of judges of the general judicial court in a state, unless the same should be altered by the consent of the Congress and the legislature of the state, shall be in the proportion of one judge for every persons in the state, according to the enumeration for apportioning the Representatives among the several states ; but there shall always be at least three judges in each state.

The general judicial court shall, in all cases to which the judicial power of the United States doth extend, have original jurisdiction, either exclusively or concurrently with other courts in the respective states, and otherwise regulated as the Congress shall prescribe ; and, in cases where the judicial power is reserved to the several states, as the legislature of each state shall prescribe : but shall have, and exclusively, *immediate* appellate jurisdiction, in all cases, from every other court within the state, under such limitations, exceptions and regulations, however, as shall be made with the consent of the Congress, and the legislature of the state : there may, notwithstanding, be in each state a court of appeals or errors in the last resort, under the authority of the state, from the general judicial court, in cases and on questions only, where the supreme court of the United States hath not appellate jurisdiction from the general judicial court.

The Congress may provide that the judges of the general judicial court shall hold circuit courts within the state ; and the legislature of the state may, in addition to the times and places to be assigned by the Congress for holding the general judicial court or the circuit courts, assign other times and places.

The Congress may determine the number of judges which shall be a quorum to hold a general judicial court, or a circuit court, in each respective state.

The Congress may, in the cases to which the judicial power of the United States doth extend, and the legislature of the state may, in the other cases, regulate the fees and proceedings in the several courts, and the jurisdiction of the circuit courts, within the state.

The ministerial officers of the general judicial court shall be appointed and commissioned in such manner as the legislature of the state shall prescribe.

All writs, issuing out of the general judicial court, shall be in the name of *the Judges* thereof.

The judges of the general judicial court may be impeached by the House of Representatives of the United States, and also by the most numerous branch of the state legislature.

The impeachment shall not be tried by the Senate of the United States, or by any judicature under the authority of the state, but the Congress shall, by law, establish a court to be held in each state, for the trial of such impeachments, to consist only of Senators of the United States, judges of the supreme court of the United States, and judges of general judicial courts—The trial shall be in the state where the person impeached shall reside ; and every law, designating the judges of a court for the trial of impeachments, shall be passed previous to the impeachment ; and the designation shall be, not by naming the persons, but by describing the offices, the persons in which offices for the time being, and elected or appointed previous to the impeachment, shall be the judges ; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the judges present.

Judgments by the courts so to be established for the trial of impeachments, shall not extend further than is provided by the Constitution of the United States, in cases of impeachments, and the party, nevertheless, to be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment according to law.

In every state where the Congress shall declare the superior or supreme common law-court, to be the general *judicial court*, the judges shall, by force of

their appointments as judges of the superior or supreme common law-court, become judges of the general judicial court : and all the powers and duties of the judges of the superior or supreme common law-court, either by the Constitution or the laws of the state, shall devolve on the judges of the general judicial court.

If on the establishment of the general judicial courts, the Congress shall deem proper to discontinue any of the district courts of the United States, the judges of the courts so discontinued shall, thereupon, by force of their appointments as district judges, become judges of the general judicial courts in the respective states, and shall continue to receive their compensations as theretofore established.

The judges of the supreme or superior common law-courts, and the district judges, may, on the first establishment of the general judicial courts, become judges thereof, notwithstanding the limitation of the number of the judges of the general judicial courts in the respective states, but as vacancies happen they shall not afterwards be filled up beyond the number limited.

For avoiding of doubts, it is declared, that all officers, as well ministerial as judicial, in the *administration of justice* under the authority of a state, shall also be held to execute their respective offices, for carrying into effect the laws of the United States ; and, in addition to the duties assigned to them by the laws of the state, the Congress may assign to them such farther duties as they shall deem proper for that purpose.

Resolved, That the consideration of the said amendments be deferred until the next session of Congress ; and that one hundred copies thereof be printed for the use of the members of both Houses.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Whereas Congress did, by a resolution of the twenty-third of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, recommend to the several states to pass laws, making it expressly the duty of the keepers of their gaols, to receive and safe keep therein all prisoners committed under the authority of the United States :

In order therefore to insure the administration of justice,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case any state shall not have complied with the said recommendation, the marshal in such state, under the direction of the judge of the district, be authorized to hire a convenient place to serve as a temporary gaol, and to make the necessary provision for the safe keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States, until permanent provision shall be made by law for that purpose ; and the said marshal shall be allowed his reasonable expenses incurred for the above purposes, to be paid out of the treasury of the United States.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill or bills for carrying into effect a consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States ; and that Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), Mr. Madison, and Mr. Vining, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill sent from the Senate, intituled, “ An act to continue in force the act therein mentioned, and to make farther provision for the payment of pensions to invalids, and for the support of light-houses, beacons, buoys and public piers,” was read the third time ; and on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith (of South-Carolina), from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for carrying into effect the consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States ; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A bill for the relief of David Cook, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

An engrossed bill for carrying into effect the consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass ; and that the title be, “ An act for carrying into effect the consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of David Cook, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass ; and that the title be, “ An act for the relief of David Cook.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have agreed to the resolution respecting the safe-keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States. The Senate have also deferred until the next session of Congress, the consideration of the two bills sent from this House ; one intituled, “ An act for carrying into effect the consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States ;” the other intituled, “ An act for the relief of David Cook.” And then he withdrew.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined the following inrolled bills and resolves—to wit ;

An act, intituled, “ An act making compensations to the commissioners of loans, for extraordinary expenses.”

An act, intituled, “ An act in addition to an act, intituled, “ An act for establishing the salaries of the executive officers of government, with their assistants and clerks.”

An act, intituled, “ An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, intituled, “ An act for the temporary establishment of the post-office.”

An act, intituled “ An act relative to the rix-dollar of Denmark.

An act, intituled, “ An act supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt.”

An act, intituled, “ An act providing compensations for the officers of the judicial courts of the United States, and for jurors and witnesses, and for other purposes.”

An act, intituled, “ An act making farther provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas, and to prolong the term for the payment of the duties on wines.”

An act, intituled, “ An act to continue in force the act therein mentioned, and to make farther provision for the payment of pensions to invalids, and for the support of light-houses, beacons, buoys and public piers.”

An act, intituled, “ An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory north-west of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their titles.”

And an act, intituled, "An act for making an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned."

A resolve respecting the establishment of a mint.

A resolve respecting the ungranted lands within the territory of the United States. And

A resolve respecting the safe-keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States—

And had found the same to be truly inrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said inrolled bills and resolves.

A petition of sundry officers and soldiers of the old flying camp, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for inrolled bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation the following inrolled bills and resolves, to wit :

An act, intituled, "An act making compensations to the commissioners of loans, for extraordinary expenses."

An act, intituled, "An act in addition to the act, intituled, "An act for establishing the salaries of the executive officers of government, with their assistants and clerks."

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An act, intituled, "An act making an appropriation therein mentioned."

A resolve respecting the establishment of a mint.

A resolve respecting the ungranted lands within the territories of the United States. And

A resolve respecting the safe-keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States.

On a motion made and seconded,

Resolved unanimously, That the Speaker communicate the thanks of the House of Representatives to the Mayor and Corporation of this city, and the Commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, for the elegant and convenient accommodations provided for their present session.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts and resolve—to wit :

"An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead ;

and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same."

"An act supplemental to the act establishing the treasury department, and for a farther compensation to certain officers."

"An act relative to the rix-dollar of Denmark."

"An act in addition to an act, intituled, "An act for establishing the salaries of the executive officers of government, with their assistants and clerks."

"An act making compensations to the commissioners of loans, for extraordinary expenses."

"An act providing compensations for the officers of the judicial courts of the United States, and for jurors and witnesses, and for other purposes."

"An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, intituled, "An act for the temporary establishment of the post-office."

"An act supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt."

"An act making farther provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas, and to prolong the term for the payment of the duties on wines." And

A resolve respecting the safe-keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to inform this House, that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign the following enrolled bills and resolves, which originated in the Senate—to wit:

"An act making an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned."

"An act to amend an act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the government of the United States."

"An act to continue in force the act therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the payment of pensions to invalids, and for the support of light houses, beacons, buoys and public piers."

"An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory north-west of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions."

"A resolve respecting the ungranted lands within the territories of the United States." And

"A resolve respecting the establishment of a mint." And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded,

"That the thanks of the House of Representatives of the United States, be presented to FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, in testimony of their approbation of his conduct in the chair, and in the execution of the difficult and important trust reposed in him, as Speaker of the said House:"

It was resolved unanimously: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker made his acknowledgments to the House, in manner following:

Gentlemen of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

THIS unexpected mark of your approbation of my conduct has made so deep an impression on my mind, that I cannot find words to express the high sense of gratitude I entertain on this occasion.

I have not vanity sufficient to suppose that my feeble though well-meant endeavors merit so great a reward; for it was your kind indulgence and support alone which enabled me to go through the duties of the station which you were pleased to assign me; but I shall ever consider this distinguished and honorable testimony as the most fortunate circumstance of my life.

Gentlemen, I most sincerely thank you.—May every possible happiness attend you and every individual of this body—and may your zealous endeavors to promote the welfare of our beloved country, which I have so long and so often been a witness to, be crowned with unbounded success.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that this House, having completed the business before them, are now about to adjourn without day, and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message; and being returned,

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Otis their Secretary, notifying that the Senate, having completed the legislative business before them, are now about to adjourn: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House *sine die*.

END OF THE THIRD SESSION.

A P P E N D I X.



PROCEEDINGS of the District of KENTUCKY for Admission
into the UNION as an INDEPENDENT STATE.

(Copy)

DANVILLE, October 4th, 1790.

S I R,

BY order of Convention, I now enclose to you a copy of the resolutions of Convention, respecting the separation of the district of Kentucky from the state of Virginia; and their address to the President and Congress of the United States.

I have the honor to be,

With the highest respect,

S I R,

Your most humble Servant,

(Signed) GEORGE MUTER, *President of Convention.*

The PRESIDENT of the United States.

UNITED STATES, December 9, 1790.

A TRUE COPY.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

(Copy)

DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, (TO WIT.)

IN CONVENTION, July 28th, 1790.

RESOLVED, That it is expedient for, and the will of, the good people of the district of Kentucky, that the same be erected into an independent state, on the terms and conditions specified in an act of the Virginia Assembly, passed the eighteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, intituled, "An act concerning the erection of the district of Kentucky into an independent state."

Resolved, That We, the representatives of the people of Kentucky, duly elected in pursuance of an act of the legislature of Virginia, passed the eigh-

teenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, intituled, "An act concerning the erection of the district of Kentucky into an independent state," and now met in convention, having, with full powers, maturely investigated the expediency of the proposed separation on the terms and conditions specified in the above recited act; do by these presents, and in behalf of the people of Kentucky accept the terms and conditions, and do declare that on the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, the said district of Kentucky shall become a state separate from, and independent of, the government of Virginia, and that the said articles become a solemn compact binding on the said people.

To the PRESIDENT; and the Honorable the CONGRESS of the United States of America.

The MEMORIAL of the Representatives of the People of Kentucky, in Convention assembled, pursuant to an act of the Legislature of Virginia, passed the eighteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, intituled, "An act concerning the erection of the District of Kentucky into an independent State,"

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT the inhabitants of this country are as warmly devoted to the American Union, and as firmly attached to the present happy establishment of the federal government as any of the citizens of the United States. That migrating from thence, they have with great hazard and difficulty effected their present settlements. The hope of increasing numbers could alone have supported the early adventurers under those arduous exertions; they have the satisfaction to find that hope verified. At this day, the population and strength of this country, render it fully able, in the opinion of your memorialists, to form and support an efficient domestic government.

The inconveniences resulting from its local situation as a part of Virginia, at first but little felt, have for some time been objects of their most serious attention; which occasioned application to the legislature of Virginia for redress.

Here your memorialists would acknowledge, with peculiar pleasure, the benevolence of Virginia in permitting them to remove the evils arising from that source by assuming upon themselves a state of independence.

This they have thought expedient to do on the terms and conditions stipulated in the above recited act; and have fixed on the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, as the period when the said independence shall commence.

It now remains with the President and the Congress of the United States to sanction these proceedings, by an act of their honorable Legislature prior to the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, for the purpose of receiving into the Federal Union the people of Kentucky, by the name of THE STATE OF KENTUCKY.

Should this determination of your memorialists meet the approbation of the General Government, they have to call a convention to form a constitution, subsequent to the act of Congress, and prior to the day fixed for the independence of this country.

When your memorialists reflect on the present comprehensive system of Federal Government; and when they also recollect the determination of a former Congress on this subject, they are left without a doubt that the object of their wishes will be accomplished. And your memorialists as in duty bound shall forever pray.

(Signed) GEORGE MUTER, *President.*

Attest,
THOMAS TODD, *Clerk Convention.*

UNITED STATES, *December 9th, 1790.*

A TRUE COPY.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

UNITED STATES, *February the 9th, 1791.*

Gentlemen of the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES,

I HAVE received from the Governor of Vermont, authentic documents expressing the consent of the legislatures of New-York, and of the territory of Vermont, that the said territory shall be admitted to be a distinct member of our Union; and a memorial of Nathaniel Chipman and Lewis R. Morris, commissioners from the said territory, praying the consent of Congress to that admission by the name and stile of the State of Vermont, copies of which I now lay before Congress, with whom the Constitution has vested the object of these proceedings.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS of the LEGISLATURES of NEW-YORK and of the Territory of VERMONT, relative to the Admission of the said Territory into the UNION by the Name of the STATE of VERMONT.

(Copy)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, greeting.

KNOW YE, That we having inspected the records remaining in our Secretary's office, do find there a certain original act in the words and figures following—to wit: "An act appointing commissioners with power to declare the consent of the legislature of this state, that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof, should be formed or erected into a new State: *Be it*

*enacted by the People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Robert Yates, Robert R. Livingston, John Lansing, junior, Gulian Verplanck, Simeon De Witt, Egbert Benson, Richard Sill, and Melancton Smith, shall be, and hereby are appointed commissioners, with full power to them, or any four or more of them, in their discretion, as they shall judge the peace and interest of the United States in general, and of this state in particular, to require the same, and on such terms and conditions, and in such manner and form as they shall judge necessary and proper, to declare the consent of the legislature of this state, that such district or territory within the jurisdiction, and in the north-eastern and northern parts thereof, as the said commissioners shall judge most convenient, should be formed and erected into a new State; and with farther full power to treat, conclude, and agree with any person or persons, or any assemblies or bodies of people, touching the premises, or touching the ceding or relinquishing the jurisdiction of this state over such district or territory, or touching the securing or confirming of rights, titles or possessions of land within such district or territory, held or claimed under grants from the state of New-Hampshire, while a colony, or under grants, sales or locations made by the authority of the government or jurisdiction now existing and exercised in the north-eastern parts of this state, under the name or stile of the state of Vermont, against persons claiming the same lands under grants from this state, while a colony, or since the independence thereof; and every act of any four or more of the commissioners hereby appointed, in the execution of the powers aforesaid, shall be as effectual to every purpose as if the same were an immediate act of the legislature of this state: *Provided*, Such grants, sales or locations, by or under Vermont, do not extend to the westward of the towns granted, located or occupied under the late colony of New-Hampshire, which lay in that part of the country aforesaid, between the north boundary of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, continued from the north-west corner thereof towards Hudson's river, and a parallel line extended eastward from the point of land where Fort Edward formerly stood, until it meets with the west bounds of any of the said granted, located or occupied towns. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That whatever stipulations shall be made by the commissioners appointed by this act, with any person or persons, or any assemblies or bodies of people, touching the premises, or touching the ceding or relinquishing the jurisdiction of this state over such district or territory, or touching the securing of rights, titles or possessions of lands within such district, for a compensation for extinguishing the claims to lands within such district, as derived under the late colony of New-York, shall be for the use of such claimants, although in such stipulations such compensation should be declared to be for the use of this state, or for the people thereof; and that nothing in this act contained shall be intended or construed to give any such claimant any right to any further compensation whatsoever from this state, other than such compensation which may be so stipulated as aforesaid. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the act, intituled, "An act appointing commissioners with power to declare the consent of the legislature of this state of New-York, that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof, should be formed or erected into a new state:" passed the sixteenth day of July, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, shall be, and hereby is repealed.*

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

IN ASSEMBLY, February 20th, 1790.

This bill having been read the third time;

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

By order of the Assembly:

GULIAN VERPLANCK, *Speaker*.

S T A T E o f N E W - Y O R K.

IN SENATE, *February 27th, 1790.*

This bill having been read a third time ;

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

By order of the Senate :

ISAAC ROOSEVELT, *President pro hac vice.*IN COUNCIL OF REVISION, *6th of March, 1790.*

Resolved, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that this bill, intituled, "An act appointing commissioners with power to declare the consent of the legislature of this state that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof, should be formed or erected into a new state," should become a law of this state.

GEO. CLINTON.

All which we have exemplified by these presents. In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the great seal of our said state to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well beloved GEORGE CLINTON, Esquire, Governor of our said State, General and Commander in Chief of all the militia, and Admiral of the navy of the same, at our city of New-York, this first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifteenth year of our independence.



GEO. CLINTON.

PASSED the Secretary's office the 2d February, 1791.

ROBERT HARPUR, *Deputy Secretary.*

(Copy)

To all to whom these Presents shall come.

BE IT KNOWN, That Robert Yates, John Lansing, junior, Gulian Verplank, Simeon De Witt, Egbert Benson, and Melancton Smith, commissioners appointed by an act of the legislature of the state of New-York, intituled, "An act appointing commissioners with power to declare the consent of the legislature of this state that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof should be formed into a new state," passed the sixth day of March last, Do hereby, by virtue of the powers to them granted for the purpose, declare the consent of the legislature of the state of New-York, that the community now actually exercising independent jurisdiction as The State of Vermont, be admitted into the Union of the United States of America, and that immediately from such admission all claim of jurisdiction of the state of New-York within the state of Vermont shall cease ; and thenceforth the perpetual boundary line between the state of New-York and the state of Vermont shall be as follows, viz. Beginning at the north-west corner of the state of Massachusetts, thence westward along the south boundary of the township of Pownall to the south-west corner thereof, thence northerly along the western boundaries of the townships of Pownall, Bennington, Shaftsbury, Arlington, Sandgate, Rupert, Pawlett, Wells, and Poultney, as the said townships are now held or

possessed, to the river commonly called Poultney River, thence down the same through the middle of the deepest channel thereof to East Bay, thence through the middle of the deepest channel of East Bay and the waters thereof to where the same communicate with Lake Champlain, thence through the middle of the deepest channel of Lake Champlain to the eastward of the islands called the Four Brothers, and the westward of the islands called Grand Isle and Long Isle, or the Two Heroes, and to the westward of the Isle La Motte to the forty-fifth degree of north latitude. And the said commissioners do hereby declare the will of the legislature of the state of New-York, that if the legislature of the state of Vermont shall, on or before the first day of January, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, declare that the state of Vermont shall, on or before the first day of June, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, pay to the state of New-York the sum of thirty thousand dollars, that immediately from such declaration by the legislature of the state of Vermont, all rights and titles to lands within the state of Vermont, under grants from the government of the late colony of New-York, or from the state of New-York, except as herein after excepted, shall cease. Or if the legislature of the state of Vermont shall not elect to make such declaration, then that, except in cases where the grants from New-York were intended as confirmations of grants from New-Hampshire, all rights and titles under grants from the government of the late colony of New-York, or from the state of New-York, to lands within the state of Vermont, which may have been granted by the government of the colony of New-Hampshire, shall cease, and the boundaries, according to which such grants from the government of the late colony of New-Hampshire have been held or possessed, shall be deemed to be the true boundaries. And the said commissioners do hereby further declare the will of the legislature of the state of New-York, that all rights and titles to lands within the state of Vermont, under grants from the government of the late colony of New-York, or from the state of New-York, and not granted by the government of the late colony of New-Hampshire, shall be suspended until the expiration of three years after the governor of the state of Vermont, for the time being, shall have been notified, that a commissioner, to be appointed by the state of New-York, after the first day of January, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and to reside and hold a public office at the city of Albany, shall have entered upon the execution of his office. And if within one year after such notification, there shall be delivered to such commissioner, either the original or a certified abstract, containing the date, the names of the grantees, and the boundaries of a grant from New-York, and if, thereupon, at any time before the expiration of the said term of three years above mentioned, there shall be paid to such commissioner, at the rate of ten cents per acre, for the whole or any parcel of the lands contained in such grant from New-York, all right and title under such grant, shall, in respect to the lands for which payment shall so be made, cease; and a receipt under the hand and seal of such commissioner, specifying the land for which payment shall be made, shall be evidence of the payment; and in default of delivering the original, or such certified abstract of the grant, to the commissioner, within the said term of one year, for that purpose above limited, all right and title under the grant, in respect of which there shall be such default of delivery, shall cease; but where the original or certified abstract of the grant shall be duly delivered to the commissioner, and if thereupon payment shall not be duly made to the commissioner, the right and title under the grant in respect to the lands for which payment shall not be made, shall remain; and suits for the recovery of such lands may be prosecuted in the ordinary course of law, provided the suit be commenced within ten years after the state of Vermont shall have been admitted into the Union of the United States, otherwise the right

and title under the grant from New-York shall in such case also cease. In testimony whereof the said commissioners have hereunto set their hands, and affixed their seals, the seventh day of October, in the fifteenth year of the independence of the United States of America, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

RICHARD VARICK,
ALEXANDER HAMILTON,
SAMUEL JONES,
ROBERT BENSON. } *Witnesses.*

EGBERT BENSON, (L. S.)
GULIAN VERPLANCK, (L. S.)
ROBERT YATES, (L. S.)
MELANCTON SMITH, (L. S.)
SIMEON DE WITT, (L. S.)
JOHN LANSING, junior. (L. S.)

An ACT directing the Payment of thirty thousand Dollars to the State of New-York, and declaring what shall be the Boundary Line between the State of Vermont and the State of New-York, and declaring certain Grants therein mentioned extinguished.

WHEREAS Robert Yates, John Lansing, junior, Gulian Verplank, Simeon De Witt, Egbert Benson, and Melancton Smith, Esquires, commissioners, appointed by an act of the legislature of the state of New-York, intituled, "An act appointing commissioners with power to declare the consent of the legislature of the state of New-York, that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof, should be formed into a new State;" passed the fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, did, by their certain act, on the seventh day of October instant, at New-York, by virtue of the powers to them granted for that purpose, among other things, declare the consent of the legislature of the state of New-York, that the state of Vermont be admitted into the Union of the United States of America. And that immediately from such admission, all claims of jurisdiction of the state of New-York, within the state of Vermont should cease; and thenceforth the perpetual boundary line between the state of New-York and the state of Vermont should be as follows—viz: Beginning at the north-west corner of the state of Massachusetts, thence westward along the south boundary of Pownall, to the south-west corner thereof; thence northerly along the western boundaries of the townships of Pownall, Bennington, Shaftsbury, Arlington, Sandgate, Rupert, Pawlett, Wells, and Poultney, as the said townships are now held or possessed, to the river commonly called Poultney river; thence down the same through the middle of the deepest channel thereof, to East Bay; thence through the middle of the deepest channel of East Bay, and the waters thereof, to where the same communicate with Lake Champlain; thence through the middle of the deepest channel of Lake Champlain to the eastward of the islands called the Four Brothers, and the westward of the islands called the Grand Isle, and Long Isle, or the Two Heroes, and to the westward of the Isle La Motte, to the forty-fifth degree of north latitude. And the said commissioners, by virtue of the powers to them granted, did declare the will of the legislature of the state of New-York, that if the legislature of the state of Vermont, should on or before the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, declare, that on or before the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, the said state of Vermont would pay to the state of New-York, the sum of thirty thousand dollars; that immediately from such declaration by the legislature of the state of Vermont, all rights and titles to lands within the state of

Vermont, under grants from the government of the late colony of New-York, or from the state of New-York, (except as is therein excepted) should cease :

Wherefore, *It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont,* That the state of Vermont shall, on or before the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, pay the state of New-York thirty thousand dollars. And the treasurer of this state, for, and in behalf of this state, and for the purposes mentioned in the act of the commissioners aforesaid, shall pay to the state of New-York, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, on or before the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four. And,

It is hereby further enacted, That the said line described in the said act of the said commissioners, shall henceforth be the perpetual boundary line between the state of Vermont and the state of New-York. And all grants, charters or patents of land lying within the state of Vermont, made by or under the government of the late colony of New-York, except such grants, charters or patents as were made in confirmation of grants, charters or patents, made by or under the government of the late province or colony of New-Hampshire, are hereby declared null and void, and incapable of being given in evidence in any court of law within this state.

S T A T E O F V E R M O N T,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BENNINGTON,

January 21, 1791.

THE preceding is a true copy of an act passed by the legislature of the state of Vermont, the twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Attest.

ROSSELL HOPKINS, *Secretary of State.*

An ACT to authorize the People of this State to meet in Convention to deliberate upon and agree to the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this legislature, the future interest and welfare of this state, render it necessary that the Constitution of the United States of America, as agreed to by the convention at Philadelphia, on the seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, with the several amendments and alterations, as the same has been since established by the United States, should be laid before the people of this state for their approbation.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, That the first constable in each town shall warn the inhabitants who by law are entitled to vote for representatives in general assembly, in the same manner as they warn freemens' meetings, to meet in their respective towns on the first Tuesday of December next, at ten o'clock forenoon, at the several places fixed by law for holding the annual election, and when so met they shall proceed in the same manner as in the election of representatives, to choose some suitable person from each town to serve as a delegate in a state convention, for the purpose of deliberating upon and agreeing to the Constitution of the United States as

now established ; and the said constable shall certify to the state convention the person so chosen in manner aforesaid. And,

It is hereby further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the persons so elected to serve in state convention as aforesaid, do assemble and meet together on the first Thursday of January next, at Bennington, in the county of Bennington, then and there to deliberate upon the aforesaid Constitution of the United States, and if approved of by them, finally to assent to, and ratify the same in behalf and on the part of the people of this state, and make report thereof to the governor of this state, for the time being, to be by him communicated to the President of the United States, and the legislature of this state.

S T A T E O F V E R M O N T,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BENNINGTON,

January 21, 1791.

THE preceding is a true copy of an act passed by the legislature of the state of Vermont, the twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Attest.

ROSWELL HOPKINS, *Secretary of State.*

IN CONVENTION OF THE DELEGATES OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

WHEREAS by an act of the commissioners of the state of New-York, done at New-York, the seventeenth day of October, in the fifteenth year of the independence of the United States of America, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, every impediment, as well on the part of the state of New-York, as on the part of the state of Vermont, to the admission of the state of Vermont into the Union of the United States of America, is removed. In full faith and assurance that the same will stand approved and ratified by Congress.

This Convention having impartially deliberated upon the Constitution of the United States of America, as now established, submitted to us by an act of the General Assembly of the state of Vermont, passed October twenty-seventh, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, do, in virtue of the power and authority to us given for that purpose, fully and entirely approve of, assent to and ratify the said Constitution ; and declare, that immediately from and after this state shall be admitted by the Congress into the Union, and to a full participation of the benefits of the government now enjoyed by the states in the Union, the same shall be binding on us, and the people of the state of Vermont forever.

DONE at Bennington, in the county of Bennington, the tenth day of January, in the fifteenth year of the independence of the United States of America, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one. In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names.

(Signed) THOMAS CHITTENDEN, *President.*

Signed by one hundred and five members—Dissented four.

Attest.

ROSWELL HOPKINS, *Secretary of Convention.*

S T A T E OF V E R M O N T.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BENNINGTON,

January 21, 1791.

THE preceding is a true copy of the original act of the Convention of the state of Vermont. DONE at Bennington, the tenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Attest.

ROSSELL HOPKINS, *Secretary of State.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

(L.S.)

THOMAS CHITTENDEN, ESQUIRE,
Captain-General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
the State of Vermont.

THIS certifies, that ROSWELL HOPKINS, Esquire, is Secretary to the State of Vermont, and that all due faith and credence ought to be given to attestations by him officially made.

In testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed,
in Council this twenty-second day of January, one thousand seven
hundred and ninety-one.

(Signed)

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By his Excellency's command,
JOSEPH FAY, *Secretary.*

S I R,

BENNINGTON, *January 22, 1791.*

I HAVE the honor to transmit to you copies of two acts of the legislature of this state; the one directing the payment of thirty thousand dollars to the state of New-York, and declaring the boundary line between the state of Vermont and the state of New-York, and extinguishing certain grants therein mentioned; the other, an act authorizing the people of this state to meet in convention, to deliberate upon and agree to the Constitution of the United States; and also a copy of the proceeding of the convention.

This will be delivered by the Honorable Nathaniel Chipman, and Lewis R. Morris, Esquires, who are appointed commissioners to apply to the Congress of the United States, for the admission of this state into the Union, whom I beg leave to recommend to your favorable notice.

I have the honor to be,

With the greatest consideration and respect,

S I R,

Your most obedient, and

Very humble Servant,

(Signed)

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

The PRESIDENT of the United States.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

(L. S.)

THOMAS CHITTENDEN, ESQUIRE,
 Captain-General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
 the State of Vermont.

To the Honorable NATHANIEL CHIPMAN, Esquire, and LEWIS R. MORRIS,
 Esquire, greeting.

YOU being elected by the legislature of this state, commissioners to the Congress of the United States, to apply for the admission of the state of Vermont into the Union, are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed to the Congress of the United States, now in session at the city of Philadelphia, and negotiate on behalf of this state, agreeable to your said appointment.

In testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, in Council at Bennington, this twenty-fourth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifteenth year of the independence of this State.

(Signed) THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

By his Excellency's command,
 JOSEPH FAY, *Secretary*.

THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

NATHANIEL CHIPMAN and LEWIS R. MORRIS, Commissioners, authorized and appointed by the state of Vermont, most respectfully represent, that the citizens of that state having shared, in common with those of the other states, in the hazards and burthens of establishing the American revolution, have long anxiously desired to be united with them, under the same General Government. They have seen with great satisfaction a new and more perfect union of the people of America, and the unanimity with which they have recently approved the National Constitution, manifests their attachment to it, and the zeal with which they desire to participate its benefits.

Questions of interfering jurisdiction between them and the state of New-York, have heretofore delayed this application; these points being now happily adjusted, the memorialists, on behalf of their constituents, most respectfully petition, that the Congress will consent to the admission of the state of Vermont, by that name and stile, as a new and entire member of the United States.

They have the honor to accompany this memorial with such papers and documents as have relation to the same; and with the highest deference for the wisdom of Congress, the memorialists repeat their solicitations, that during their present session, they would be pleased to adopt such measures, as will include within the National Government, a people zealous to support and defend it.

(Signed) NATHANIEL CHIPMAN,
 LEWIS R. MORRIS.

Philadelphia, February 7th, 1791.

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TREASURY of the UNITED STATES, *January 3, 1791.*

S I R,

MY accounts having lain a considerable time in the offices for settlement, and being now passed, permit me, through you, to lay them before the Honorable the House of Representatives; and to assure you,

That I am,

With perfect respect,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

SAMUEL MEREDITH, *Treasurer of the United States.*

*The Honorable F. A. MUHLENBERG,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT of the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES of the PUBLIC MONEY, *between the 1st of July, 1790, and the 30th of September following.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, *December 2d, 1790.*

I HEREBY certify, that I have examined and adjusted an account between the United States and Samuel Meredith, Esq. Treasurer of said States, for indents of interest received and issued by him from July 1st to September 30th, 1790, and find that he is chargeable on said account for the following sums, viz.

	<i>Dols.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
To balance of indents remaining in his hands on settlement of his account, ending 30th June, 1790, per report No. 553, dated July 20th, 1790,	-	-
To John Cochran, loan-officer for the state of New-York, for this sum in indents, received per warrant No. 33,		1
To amount of fractional parts added to the indents issued on warrants, for the payment of interest,	-	19. 81
Amounting in the whole to	<i>Dollars,</i>	<u>478,007. 79</u>

I also find that the said Treasurer has paid on warrants, for which he is entitled to have credit, the following sums, viz.

	<i>Dol.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
By Thomas Smith, Esq. loan-officer for the state of Pennsylvania, for amount of indents paid to him on warrant No. 9,	400,000	
By account of interest, for payment of interest on the domestic debt,	-	69,442. 81
Carried forward,		<u>469,442. 81</u>

	<i>Dols.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
<i>Brought forward,</i>	469,442.	81
Leaving a balance in the hands of the said Treasurer on the 1st day of October, 1790, the sum of		8,564. 98
	<u>Dollars,</u>	<u>478,007. 79</u>

For which balance of eight thousand five hundred and sixty four dollars and ninety-eight cents in indents of interest, he is to be debited in a future settlement of his accounts, as appears from the statement and vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury thereon.

OLIVER WOLCOTT, jun. *Auditor.*

To NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, Esq. *Comptroller of the Treasury.*

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, 6th December, 1790.

	<i>Dols.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
Balance as stated above brought down,		8,564. 98
To which add amount of warrant No. 319 in favour of John C. Freeke, not paid,		28. 34
Balance for which the Treasurer is accountable,	<u>Dollars,</u>	<u>8,593. 32</u>

Admitted as above and certified:

NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, *Comptroller.*

REGISTER'S OFFICE, 31st December 1790.

THE preceding statement of Samuel Meredith, Treasurer of the United States, his amount of indents of interest received and paid, commencing on the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and ending on the thirtieth day of September following, is a true copy of the original, transmitted to me by the Comptroller of the Treasury, to be entered in the treasury books, and to be filed in this office.

JOSEPH NOURSE, *Register.*

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, December 16th, 1790.

I HAVE examined the accounts of Samuel Meredith, Esquire, Treasurer of the United States, commencing on the 1st day of July, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1790, and find that by the statement of his accounts to the 1st day of July last, it appeared that he was accountable to the United States for the sum of

And that warrants had been drawn in his favor on collectors
which remained unpaid, as particularized in said statement,
amounting to

	<i>Dollars,</i>	155,320. 23
		11,290.
	<u>Dollars,</u>	<u>166,610. 23</u>

I also find that since the 1st day of July, 1790, the Treasurer has paid fundry warrants which were drawn on him before that day, and included in the former settlement, to the amount of	<i>Dols. Cts.</i>
Which sum being deducted from the amount last mentioned, will leave the balance which appeared to be due to the United States, by the records of the treasury, on the 1st day of July, 1790, agreeably to the statement of the Treasurer's accounts to that period,	125. 79
	166,484. 44
	<u>Dollars,</u> 166,610. 23

On examining the treasury records, it appears that the Treasurer is chargable in his accounts from June 30th till 30th September, 1790, for the following sums—viz.

To the balance due the United States, by the books of the treasury, on the 1st day of July, 1790,	<i>Dols. Cts.</i>
To contingent funds for the amount of a warrant on James Blanchard,	166,484. 44
For the amount of do. on Nathaniel Gilman,	<i>Dols. Cts.</i>
For interest received on Theodosius Fowler and Company's note,	394. 10
	800
	8. 98
	<u>1,203. 8</u>
To general account of monies arising from the acts imposing duties on merchandize and tonnage, for the amount of warrants drawn in favor of the Treasurer on collectors, from 30th June to 30th of September, 1790, inclusive, agreeably to the Register's account,	
Amounting in the whole to	<i>Dollars,</i> 444,283. 6
	<u>611,970. 58</u>

It also appears that warrants have been drawn on the Treasurer, from July 1st till September 30th, 1790, which were charged as expenditures on account of the following appropriations—to wit:

Upon the appropriation granted to defray the expences incident to the sessions of Congress, anno 1790, as specified in the statement herewith—the sum of	<i>Dols. Cts.</i>
Upon the appropriation of	65,578. 29
Upon the appropriation of	147,169. 54
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 5,901. 77
Upon the appropriation of	155,537. 72
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 33,625. 20
Upon the appropriation of	141,492. 73
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 39,383. 87
Upon the appropriation of	190,000
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 75,038. 32
Upon the appropriation of	96,000
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 11,827. 33
Upon the appropriation of	96,979. 72
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 1,008
Upon the appropriation of	216,000
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 400
Upon the appropriation of	104,327. 22
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 20,926. 52
Upon the appropriation of	20,000
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 7,000
Upon the appropriation of	50,000
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 541. 75
Upon the appropriation of	1,309. 71
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 1,309. 71
Upon the appropriation of	10,000
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 1,165. 58
Upon the appropriation of	200
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 200
Upon the appropriation of	120
Upon the appropriation of	as per do. 120
Amounting in the whole to	<i>Dollars,</i> 264,026. 34

Leaving a balance due to the United States on the first day of October, 1790, agreeably to the records of the treasury, (including 8 dollars and 98 cents, not yet charged in the public books) of	
	347,944. 24
	<u>Total Dollars,</u> 611,970. 58

I find that to ascertain the actual balance for which the Treasurer was accountable on the first day of October, 1790, the following sums ought to be added to the balance appearing due by the foregoing statement, being the amount of warrants drawn on the Treasurer, which had not been discharged by him—viz.

		<i>Dols. Cts.</i>	
Warrant No. 577, in favor of Geo. Bush, not produced,	1,008		
614,	I. Elmer,	924	
669,	B. Harrison,	24	
671,	M. Smith,	57. 28	
672,	L ^r Roy and Bayard,	<u>3,087. 71</u>	<i>Dols. Cts.</i>
			5,100. 99

Which when added to the balance due by the foregoing statement, will amount to - - - *Dollars,* 353,045. 23

From the foregoing balance the following sums are to be deducted, being the amount of warrants in favor of the Treasurer, on account of which he had not received payment—viz.

Warrant No. 267, on William Heth,	<i>Dols.</i> 3,000	
485, on Benjamin Lincoln,	358	
524, on do.	17	
Amounting in the whole to	<i>Dollars,</i>	<u>3,375</u>

Which will leave the sum for which the Treasurer was accountable to the United States on the 1st day of Oct. 1790, *Dols.* 349,670. 23

It appears from the accounts rendered by the Treasurer, and the records of the treasury, that said sum of three hundred and forty-nine thousand six hundred and seventy dollars, and twenty-three cents, consisted of the following particulars—viz.

Commissions charged by the bank of Massachusetts in this and the preceding quarters, on deposits not admitted to his credit,	<i>Dols. Cts.</i>	90. 52
Charge for transporting money in the last quarter's account, including 8 cents balance of errors not admitted,	-	1. 46
Protests of drafts on William Lindsay not admitted,		41. 47
Warrant in favor of Geo. Bush, No. 577, said to be paid by the Treasurer, but not produced,	- - -	1,008
Cash in the hands of Samuel Meredith, Esquire, as agent to the trustees for reducing the public debt,	- - -	51,477. 90
Cash in the bank of North-America,	- - -	89,533. 66
Do. in the bank of New-York,	- - -	197,097. 41
Do. in the bank of Massachusetts,	- - -	<u>10,419. 81</u>
Amounting as before stated to	<i>Dollars,</i>	<u>349,670. 23</u>

The statement and vouchers on which this report is founded, are herewith transmitted for the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury thereon.

(Signed) OLIVER WOLCOTT, jun. *Auditor.*

To NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, Esq. *Comptroller of the Treasury.*

From the foregoing balance is now to be deducted No. 577 warrant, in favor of George Bush, of 1008 dollars, which is since produced, making the balance, - - - - - *Dollars,* 348,662. 23

N. B. The above warrant No. 577 is to be charged as an expenditure upon the appropriation of 96,979 dollars and 72 cents.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, 27th Dec. 1790.

ADMITTED and certified.

(Signed) NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, *Comptroller.*

To JOSEPH NOURSE, Esq. *Register.*

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REGISTER'S OFFICE, Dec. 31, 1790.

THE foregoing statement of Samuel Meredith, Treasurer of the United States, his account of monies received and paid, commencing on the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and ending on the thirtieth day of September following, is a true copy of the original, transmitted to me by the Comptroller of the Treasury, to be entered in the treasury books, and to be filed in this office.

JOSEPH NOURSE, *Register*.

PAYMENTS and RECEIPTS in INDENTS by the TREASURER of the United States.

Paid Warrant		Dols.	Cts.	Balance in my hands	Dols.	Cts.
No. 9,	to Thomas Smith,	400,	000	30th last June, per		
21,	William Rogers,	1,800		account furnished to		
95,	J. Tichenor,	518.	92	that time, -	477,986.	98
108,	Andrew Craigie,	1,379.	18	Received for warrant		
157,	J. F. Sebor and Co.	1,697.	80	No. 33, on John		
166,	Richard Cornell,	18.	95	Cochran,		
194,	T. Fowler and Co.	670.	33			
217,	Ditto,	567.	6			
222,	Andrew Craigie,	446.	73			
223,	T. Fowler and Co.	2,383.	15			
234,	James F. Sebor,	4,063.	97			
235,	Ditto,	3,200.	5			
236,	T. Fowler and Co.	208.	97			
237,	Abijah Hammond,	3,231.	71			
242,	T. Fowler and Co.	2,900.	39			
254,	Robert Gilchrist,	1,019.	35			
256,	Anspach & Rogers,	837.	56			
259,	Ditto,	274.	25			
267,	T. Fowler and Co.	1,074.	69			
268,	Daniel Penfield,	801.	91			
276,	Robert Gilchrist,	2,866.	93			
279,	T. Fowler and Co.	1,656.	92			
286,	Benj. S. Judah,	13.	43			
288,	Andrew Craigie,	1,928.	16			
292,	Robert Colfax,	196.	27			
294,	Joseph Howell, jun.	421.	35			
296,	Thomas M'Ewen,	863.	24			
301,	Andrew Dunscomb,	588.	36			
304,	J. C. Freeke,	334.	90			
305,	Anspach & Rogers,	203.	13			
308,	Joshua Merfereaux,	927.	73			
309,	J. Freeke,	1,822.	32			
310,	John Polhelmus,	46.	8			
312,	Thomas Barclay,	1,233.	91			
314,	Joseph Hardy,	212.	55			
316,	William Kenyon,	2,880				
317,	Robert Gilchrist,	818.	12			
319,	J. C. Freeke,	28.	34			
323,	Dorcas Lee,	73.	8			
324,	Nicholas Low,	2,799.	60			
332,	John Polhelmus,	509.	19			
340,	J. C. Freeke,	604.	77			
341,	Anspach & Rogers,	531.	30			
342,	Robert Gilchrist,	1,019.	25			
343,	Samuel Hay,	130.	21			
Carried forward,		448,804.	11	Carried forward,	477,987.	98

PAYMENTS and RECEIPTS in INDENTS by the TREASURER of the United States.

	Dols.	Cts.		Dols.	Cts.
Paid warrant <i>Bro't forward</i> ,	448,804.	11	<i>Brought forward</i> ,	477,987.	98
No. 346, to Robert Gilchrist,	896.	30	Amount of fractions		
353, William Wilfher,	65.	41	added to the several		
358, John Quackenbos,	26.	76	warrants per contra,	19.	81
359, Thomas Speer,	318.	59			
361, A. G. Fraunces,	637.	82			
367, Jabes Johnson,	259.	16			
369, John and C. Shaw,	557.	63			
371, Andrew Hageman,	37.	67			
376, Benj. S. Judah,	7,254.	5			
379, Henry Van Pelt,	58.	8			
384, Anspach & Rogers,	263.	7			
385, David Reedy,	235.	71			
389, Benj. S. Judah,	224.	7			
391, D. Penfield,	855.	58			
393, Richard Platt,	1,189.	55			
397, Mary Rofs,	21.	38			
401, John Stryker,	33.	42			
403, Leonard Bleecker,	1,929.	47			
412, Thomas Hook,	32.	2			
414, Thomas Van Pelt,	230.	18			
417, John Simmons,	957.	42			
421, John Conway,	157.	83			
426, Andrew Craigie,	3,310.	55			
435, Stephen Rabbit,	86.	98			
Balance in my hands this day,	8,564.	98			
	<u>Dollars, 478,007.</u>	<u>79</u>		<u>Dollars, 478,007.</u>	<u>79</u>

J. C. Freeke's warrant, No. 319, was paid August 12th, 1790, to John Bush, with eight others, as the undermentioned entry will shew, (but not receipted.)

No.			Dols.	Cts.
No. 237,	A. Hammond,	1st June,	for	3,231. 71
254,	R. Gilchrist,	7th	for	1,019. 35
304,	J. C. Freeke,	13th July,	for	334. 90
309,	Ditto,	15th,	for	1,822. 32
317,	R. Gilchrist,	23d,	for	818. 12
319,	J. C. Freeke,	26th,	for	28. 34
340,	Ditto,	9th August,	for	604. 77
342,	R. Gilchrist,		for	1,019. 25
346,	Ditto,	11th,	for	896. 30
			<u>Dollars, 9,775.</u>	<u>6</u>

Indents paid for the above warrants.

No.		Dols.	Cts.
No. 18,001 to 18,024	is 24, at 13 dollars each	312	
18,025	-	-	1
18,001 to 18,017	is 17, at 165 dollars each	2,805	
18,018	-	-	40
18,126 to 18,150	a whole book,	-	4,450
18,163 to 18,175	is 13, at 165 dollars each	2,145	
18,175	-	-	13
18,174	-	-	9
	Fraction,		6
		<u>Dollars, 9,775.</u>	<u>6</u>

The warrant is given up and cancelled, and therefore no injury can arise to the public.

TREASURY of the UNITED STATES, NEW-YORK, October 1, 1790.

SAMUEL MEREDITH, *Treasurer of the United States.*

PAYMENTS *and* RECEIPTS *by the*

Paid warrant		Dols.	Cts.
No. 522,	to Reuben Burnley, for warrant No. 1109, dated 26th March, 1789,	-	101. 83
523,	Ditto, - - - No. 1111, -	-	23. 96
524,	Amasa Learned, attorney for Richard Law, his salary,	250	
525,	John Paulding, his pension, - - -	50	
526,	Dominick L'Eglise, ditto, - - -	30	
527,	Oliver Wolcott, salaries for his office, - -	2,470.	3
528,	Henry Knox, ditto, ditto, - - -	1,295.	98
529,	Tench Coxe, salaries for Secretary of Treasury's office,	1,764.	28
530,	Wm. Houston, attorney for Rich. Wylley, his salary,	678.	28
531,	Nicholas Eveleigh, salaries for his office, -	1,138.	73
532,	William Irwine, and others, salaries for their office,	2,275	
533,	Joseph Nourse, salaries for his office, - -	1,312.	50
534,	Jos. Bindon, attorney for Joseph Traverfie, his pension,	60	
535,	John Ramsey, attorney for Arthur St. Clair, his salary,	500	
536,	Jos. Stanton, his attendance and travelling expences,	62	
537,	Benjamin Hawkins, ditto, - - -	546	
538,	Joseph Nourse, assignee of Eliz. Bergen, her pension,	13.	33
539,	Cyrus Griffin, his salary, - - -	450	
540,	Nich. Gilman, attorney for John Sullivan, his salary,	250	
541,	Jehoiakim M'Tocksin, his compensation as interpreter,	120	
542,	John M'Cord, for balance of his account, -	1,309.	71
543,	Samuel Meredith, for salaries for his office, -	650	
544,	Ditto, attorney for James Wilson, his salary, -	875	
545,	Samuel A. Otis, his salary, - - -	375	
546,	Joseph Nourse, for balance of contingent account for treasury department, - -	17.	31
547,	Ditto account of contingent expences of treasury department, - - -	517.	39
548,	Thomas Sinnickson, attorney for David Brearly, for his salary, - - -	250	
549,	John Bard, jun. attorney for Nathaniel Pendleton, his salary, - - -	375	
550,	Mel. Smith, for provisions at West-Point from 1st to 30th June, 1790, - - -	55.	44
551,	Thomas Jefferson, salaries for his office, &c. -	1,584.	72
552,	Geo. Thatcher, attorney for David Sewall, his salary,	500	
553,	John Adams, account his compensation, -	500	
554,	Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant No. 1045, dated 31st December, 1788, - - -	6,000	
555,	Tobias Lear, account the President's compensation,	1,000	
556,	Samuel Meredith, attorney for Francis Hopkinson, his salary, - - -	400	
557,	Ditto, attorney for John Rutledge, his salary,	875	
558,	James Gunn, attendance and travelling expences,	866	
559,	Ralph Izard, ditto, - - -	636	
560,	John Jay, his salary, - - -	1,000	
561,	Thomas T. Tucker, agent for I. Neufville, his salary,	1,500	
562,	William Constable, assignee of Ph. Audibert, for warrant No. 191, dated 28th August, 1787, -	2,000	

Carried forward, 34,678. 49

TREASURER of the UNITED STATES.

			Dols. Cts.
Balance of account furnished to the 30th last June,	-		166,540. 55
Received for warrant			
No. 377, on Joseph Hiller,	collector of Salem,	-	2,061
378, William Heth,	Bermuda-Hundred,		500
379, John Halsted,	Perth-Amboy,	-	575
380, Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	-	300
381, George Bush,	Wilmington, (Delaware)		1,008
382, Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	-	1,000
383, Elie Elmer,	Bridgetown,	-	550. 10
384, George Bush,	Wilmington, (Delaware)		139
385, William Heth,	Bermuda-Hundred,		4,033. 33
386, John Lamb,	New-York,	-	5,656. 68
387, John Habersham,	Savannah,	-	500
388, William Lindfay,	Norfolk,	-	500
390, John Muir,	Vienna,	-	300
391, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	-	1,000
392, George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	-	2,000
393, Chales Lee,	Alexandria,	-	1,000
394, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	-	7,000
395, Hudson Muse,	Tappahannock,	-	500
396, George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	-	8,000
397, Jedidiah Huntington,	New-London,	-	1,000
398, William Lindfay,	Norfolk,	-	3,000
399, George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	-	3,000
400, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	-	9,000
401, Jonathan Fitch,	New-Haven,	-	550
402, George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	-	2,000
403, Jedidiah Huntington,	New-London	-	2,000
404, William Heth,	Bermuda-Hundred,		500
405, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	-	1,000
406, Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	-	446. 66
407, Ditto,	ditto,	-	2,372. 31
408, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	-	2,083
409, Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	-	2,091. 86
410, George Bush,	Wilmington, (Delaware)		1,287. 18
411, Ditto,	ditto,	-	75. 63
412, John Ross,	Burlington,	-	240
413, William Heth,	Bermuda-Hundred,	-	20
414, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	-	455
415, Richard Harris,	Marblehead,	-	396
416, Nath. F. Folsdick,	Portland,	-	410
417, Ditto,	ditto,	-	200
418, Joseph Hiller,	Salem,	-	1,200
419, Jer. Hill,	Biddeford & Pepperelboro',		149. 33
420, Stephen Cross,	Newburyport	-	475
421, Jer. Hill,	Biddeford & Pepperelboro',		170
422, Stephen Cross,	Newburyport,	-	645
423, Fr. Cook,	Wiscasset,	-	200
424, Epes Sargent,	Gloucester,	-	400
425, Joseph Hiller,	Salem,	-	1,138. 66

PAYMENTS *and* RECEIPTS *by the*

		<i>Dols.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
Paid warrant	<i>Brought forward,</i>	34,678.	49
No. 563,	to William Constable, assignee of James O'Hara, for warrant No. 1154, dated 19th May, 1789, -	4,223.	32
564,	Ditto, ditto, 457, 20th, - -	2,133.	63
565,	F. A. Muhlenberg, for the House of Representatives,	8,000	
566,	Tobias Lear, account the President's compensation,	500	
567,	Pierce Butler, his attendance and travelling expences,	636	
568,	William Maclay, ditto, - -	759	
569,	Samuel Meredith, attorney for John Blair, his salary,	875	
570,	Ditto, assignee of T. L. Moore, attorney to George Turner, for his salary, - -	158.	70
571,	Richard Bassett, agent for G. Bedford, his salary,	610.	86
572,	Ditto, for his attendance and travelling expences,	754.	50
573,	Sam. Sterret and Co. agents for Wm. Paca, his salary,	375	
574,	Jos. Nourse, agent for Richard Gridley, his Pension,	444.	40
575,	Samuel Meredith, agent of D. Delozier, administra- tor to the estate of John White, his salary, -	430.	40
576,	John Beckley, for contingent expences of House of Representatives, " -	1,000	
577,	Geo. Bush, to pay invalid pensions for Delaware state,	1,008	
578,	Edmund Randolph, account of his salary, -	145.	38
579,	Ditto, his salary, - -	375	
580,	John Adams, account of his compensation, -	500	
581,	Rob. Morris, agent for John C. Symmes, his salary,	400	
582,	Sam. A. Otis, for contingent expences of the Senate,	1,500	
583,	John Beckley, attorney to Harry Innes, for his salary,	13.	58
584,	Ditto, ditto, ditto, -	250	
585,	William Cushing, for his salary, - -	875	
586,	John Page, attorney for Gen. Weedon, executor to the estate of the late Gen. Mercer, for his youngest son,	400	
587,	Tobias Lear, account the President's compensation,	1,500	
588,	T. Foster, his attendance and travelling expences,	285	
589,	John Adams, account his compensation, -	1,000	
590,	Joseph Howell, jun. salaries for his office, -	1,628.	13
591,	Pat. Ferrall, for balance of contingent expences of office for settling accounts, - -	29.	51
592,	James Iredell, for his salary, - -	875	
593,	William Heth, to pay invalid pensions for Virginia,	4,033.	33
594,	John Lamb, ditto, New York,	5,656.	68
595,	John Langdon, account his compensation, -	876	
596,	F. A. Muhlenberg, for House of Representatives,	12,000	
597,	Ditto, ditto, - -	15,911.	69
598,	Richard Bassett, attendance and travelling expences,	78	
599,	Paine Wingate, attendance and travelling expences,	886.	50
600,	F. A. Muhlenberg, for House of Representatives,	670	
601,	Benj. Walker, attorney for Baron Steuben, his pension,	1,250	
602,	F. C. Mantel, attorney to Le Ray de Chaumont the younger, attorney to the elder, due him, -	9,051.	33
603,	Tench Coxe, attorney for Richard Butler executor to the estate of William Butler, deceased, for his pay,	788.	35
604,	Ditto, ditto, balance due him, - -	337.	67

Carried forward, 117,903. 45

TREASURER *of the* UNITED STATES.

		<i>Dols. Cts.</i>	
Received for warrant		<i>Brought forward,</i>	239,669. 29
No. 426,	on Stephen Crofs, collector of Newburyport	-	326. 20
427,	Ditto,	ditto,	525
428,	Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	7,000
429,	James Read,	Wilmington, (N. C.)	500
430,	Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	700
431,	William Lindfay,	Norfolk,	41,800
432,	John Habersham,	Savannah,	3,000
433,	Thomas Benbury,	Edenton,	500
434,	James Read,	Wilmington, (N. C.)	800
435,	John Daves,	Newbern,	700
436,	R. M. Scott,	Dumfries,	3,300
437,	Hudson Mufe,	Tappahannock,	2,000
438,	James M. C. Lingan,	Georgetown,	1,050
439,	Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	4,072. 59
440,	George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	6,991. 31
441,	Jonathan Fitch,	New-Haven,	1,220
442,	Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	6,092. 72
443,	Burrall Devereaux, deputy	Marblehead,	370
444,	Stephen Huffey,	Nantucket,	448. 17
445,	John Lee,	-	130
446,	William Watfon,	-	400
447,	Stephen Crofs,	Newburyport,	333. 33
448,	Nath. F. Fofdick,	Portland,	412. 40
449,	Joseph Hiller,	Salem,	787
450,	Stephen Crofs,	Newburyport,	195. 29
451,	Jer. Hill,	Biddeford & Pepperelboro',	265. 92
452,	Joseph Hiller,	Salem,	897
453,	Fr. Cook,	Wiscasset,	125
454,	Ditto,	ditto,	100
455,	William Webb,	-	500
456,	Richard Trevett,	-	300
457,	M. Jordan,	-	490
458,	Jof. Otis,	-	100
459,	B. Devereaux, deputy	Marblehead,	200
460,	Edward Pope,	-	284
461,	Richard Trevett,	-	200
462,	John Lee,	-	120
463,	John Peas,	-	100
464,	Stephen Huffey,	Nantucket,	100
465,	William Watfon,	-	200
466,	William Webb,	-	120
467,	Stephen Crofs,	Newburyport,	1,075
468,	Joseph Hiller,	Salem,	1,610
469,	John Lamb,	New-York,	66,388. 93
470,	Ditto,	ditto,	2,137. 32
471,	Sharp Delany,	Philadelphia,	63,500
472,	George Buth,	Wilmington,	188
473,	Elie Elmer,	Bridgetown,	216
		<i>Carried forward,</i>	462,540. 47

PAYMENTS *and* RECEIPTS *by the*

		<i>Dols.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
	Paid warrant		
No. 605,	to Thomas Jefferson, for use of his office,	117,903.	45
606,	S. Harding, his services on board the Alliance frigate,	500	
607,	Thomas Tudor Tucker, agent for Richard Winn, for balance due him,	200	
608,	Samuel Provost, his salary,	75	
609,	Tobias Lear, account the President's compensation,	295.	80
610,	P. R. Maverick, for engraving,	1,000	
611,	Thomas Randal, for salaries for himself, &c.	91.	8
612,	Joseph Howell, jun. two months pay and subsistence of Burbeck's company of artillery for the year 1790,	415.	80
613,	Henry Knox, account the Indian treaty,	811	
615,	Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant 1046, dated 31st December, 1788,	7,000	
616,	Ditto, agent for Andrew Ellicott, account of surveys,	6,000	
617,	Pat. Ferrall, for contingent expenses for office of settling accounts,	1,200	
618,	William Bayard, substitute for Thomas L. Moore attorney for George Turner, his salary,	300	
619,	Walter Nicols, for sundry articles for household of late President of Congress,	241.	30
620,	Cob. Myers, for wood, ditto,	22.	12
621,	Rich. Platt, attorney for Winth. Sargent, his salary,	13.	84
622,	William Houston, attorney to Richard Wylley, balance due him,	187.	50
623,	Conf. Freeman, account a bill of exchange and drafts thereon,	804.	26
624,	Dan. Dennison, administrator to the estate of Hugh Smith, balance due him,	3,123.	28
625,	M. Ogden, assignee of Alb. Cox, for dyes for medals,	120.	65
626,	Joseph Howell, for warrant No. 1046, dated 31st December, 1788,	140	
627,	W. Edgar, assignee of J. Rankin, his pay as interpreter,	6,000	
628,	Ditto, ditto, messenger,	416	
629,	Samuel A. Otis, his pay,	878.	78
630,	Benjamin Bankson, ditto,	268	
631,	Robert Heysham, ditto,	402	
632,	James Mathers, ditto,	268	
633,	Cornelius Maxwell, ditto,	402	
634,	Henry Knox, salaries, &c.	268	
635,	S. and J. Smith, agents for Robert Elliott and Elie Williams for rations and provisions, &c.	1,300	
636,	Shedden Patrick, and Co. for a bill of exchange on B. Franklin, returned,	15,000	
637,	Tobias Lear, on account of President's compensation,	200	
638,	J. D. Mercier, agent for Thos. Leaming, jun. for two bills exchange on commissioners at Paris, returned,	1,000	
639,	Royal Flint, agent for J. Wadsworth, for apprehending the Cranes,	36	
640,	Tobias Lear, on account of President's compensation,	1,061	
641,	Joseph Howell, jun. assignee of M. Hillegas for warrant No. 447, dated 6th Nov. 1788,	2,000	
		4,000	
	<i>Carried forward,</i>	173,944.	86

TREASURER *of the* UNITED STATES.

		<i>Dols. Cts.</i>
Received for warrant	<i>Brought forward,</i>	462,540. 47
No. 474, on Joseph Whipple, collector of Portsmouth,	-	1,500
475, George Biscoe,	Nottingham,	200
476, John Cogdell,		600
477, George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	2,000
478, Ditto,	ditto,	2,000
479, Jedidiah Huntington,	New-London,	1,000
480, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	1,000
481, George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	1,600
482, Ditto,	ditto,	2,000
483, Ditto,	ditto,	2,000
484, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	16,020. 80
486, Ditto,	ditto,	930
487, Joseph Whipple,	Portsmouth,	1350
488, George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	15,804. 34
489, Ditto,	ditto,	5,100
490, Ditto,	ditto,	1,000
491, Ditto,	ditto,	250
492, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	295
493, Jedidiah Huntington,	New-London,	3,700
494, Ditto,	ditto,	800
495, William Lindsay,	Norfolk,	1,000
496, Thomas Benbury,	Edenton,	500
497, John Cogdell,		400
498, George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	237. 36
499, George Biscoe,	Nottingham,	4,000
500, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	2,000
501, Ditto,	Ditto,	1,800
502, John Habersham,	Savannah,	1,500
503, Ditto,	ditto,	1,906. 20
504, Jedidiah Huntington,	New-London,	2,000
505, Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore,	876
506, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	894
507, Abraham Archer,	York-Town,	964
508, Hudson Muse,	Tappahannock,	891
509, R. M. Scott,	Dumfries,	131
510, William Lindsay,	Norfolk,	18,049. 51
511, Charles Lee,	Alexandria,	2,178
512, Joseph Whipple,	Portsmouth,	706
513, William Heth,	Bermuda-Hundred,	400
514, John Halsted,	Perth-Amboy,	350
515, George Bush,	Wilmington,	1,257. 56
516, Elie Elmer,	Bridgetown,	36
517, John Ross,	Burlington,	430
518, Sharp Delany,	Philadelphia,	40,000
519, George Bush,	Wilmington,	100. 37
520, Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston,	500
521, Jedidiah Huntington,	New-London,	700
522, George Abb. Hall,	Charleston,	2,000
523, John Habersham,	Savannah,	450

Carried forward, 607,948. 61

PAYMENTS *and* RECEIPTS *by the*

			Dols.	Cts.
Paid warrant		<i>Brought forward,</i>	173,944.	86
No. 642, to Tench Coxe, balance of salaries due the office of Secretary of the Treasury,	-	-		71. 42
643, Thomas Jefferson balance of salaries due the office of Secretary of State,	-	-		22. 25
644, M. Leavenworth, agent for A. Doolittle, for a seal,	-	-		8
645, E. Prior, attorney to W. Wilson, his pay as messenger,	-	-	958.	80
646, P. R. Maverick, for engraving,	-	-		5. 50
647, John Beckley, for contingent expenses of his office,	-	-	1,500	
648, Joseph Nourse, ditto,	-	ditto,	500	
649, Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant No. 1049, dated 31st December, 1788,	-	-	6,000	
650, Mel. Smith, for provisions issued at West-Point from 1st to 30th July, 1790,	-	-		57. 28
651, T. Jefferson, to pay an interpreter of the French language,	-	-	302.	75
652, Tobias Lear, on account the President's compensation,	-	-	1,000	
653, Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant 1048, dated 31st December, 1788,	-	-	6,000	
654, Samuel Meredith, agent for Jacob Draton, executor to the estate of Wm. Drayton, his salary,	-	-	237.	36
656, Wm. Maclay, his attendance and travelling expenses,	-	-		18
655, Samuel Meredith, agent for several members of the Senate, for their attendance and travelling expenses,	-	-	14,556.	80
657, Caleb Strong, his attendance and travelling expenses,	-	-		834
658, J. Howell, jun. pay and subsistence of troops on the Ohio,	-	-	8,438	
659, R. Philips, steward to the late President of Congress,	-	-	234.	22
660, I. Ludlow, balance due to him for executing a survey,	-	-	541.	75
661, Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant No. 1050, dated 31st Dec. 1788,	-	-	4,000	
662, Ditto, pay and subsistence of the troops for the present year,	-	-	1,906.	20
663, Richard Rogers, for his salary,	-	-		103. 26
664, W. Hill, agent for R. Flint, account his clothing contract,	-	-	6,000	
665, Tobias Lear, on account of President's compensation,	-	-	1,000	
666, John Adams, on account of his compensation,	-	-	1,000	
667, Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant No. 1085 for 3500, No. 1086 for 3000, No. 1087 for 2000, No. 1088 for $2422\frac{4}{5}$, No. 1089 for $1626\frac{7}{8}$, No. 1090 for 3102, No. 1091 for $3539\frac{3}{8}$, No. 1092 for $3490\frac{6}{8}$, all dated 28th February, 1788,	-	-	22,681.	37
668, Ditto, for warrant No. 1043, dated 31st Dec. 1788,	-	-	6,000	
670, John Lamb, to pay invalid pensions at New-York,	-	-	2,137.	32
Commissions charged by Massachusetts bank on receiving deposits,	-	-	22.	30
			260,081.	44
Balance to the 30th Sept. 1790, as explained at foot,			351,570.	25
			611,651.	69
No. 267, on William Heth, unpaid,	-	3,000		
Protest on drafts on Wm. Lindsay, (no warrant issued)	-	41. 47		
Trustees for reduction of public debt,	-	51,477. 90		
In the bank of North America,	89,533. 66			
New-York,	197,097. 41		297,050.	88
Massachusetts,	10,419. 81			
			Dollars,	351,570. 25

TREASURER *of the* UNITED STATES.

		<i>Dols. Cts.</i>
Received for warrant	<i>Brought forward,</i>	607,948. 61
No. 525, on George Abb. Hall, collector of Charleston,	-	2,000
389, John Habersham,	Savannah,	500
42, James Blanchard,	-	394. 10
43, Nathaniel Gilman,	-	800
Interest received on Theodosius Fowler and Co.'s note,		8. 98
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		611,651. 69
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TREASURY *of the* UNITED STATES,
New-York, 1st October, 1790.

SAMUEL MEREDITH, *Treasurer of the United States.*

Mr. Bush was written to the 9th July, to send forward his receipt for warrant No. 577; but it was not obtained till after the Auditor had passed the account.

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